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(See page 3 for details of the Bridgend Youth Theatre's latest production).

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PRODUCTION BEING TRANSFERRED TO ESSEX

Jobs loss blow: Maesteg factory now set to close

MAESTEG has suffered another body blow to its manufacturing base with the announcement of the closure of Cosi and later Gardner Aerospace.

The factory, which was called Midcast Numerical Control for many years, employs 69 people. Production is being transferred to the company's factory in Basildon, Essex.

The factory, on the Forge Industrial estate, will be run down over the next year. This closure comes on top of the closures of both Cooper Standard and the former Revlon factory, which had been taken over by Cosi and later Budelpack.

The Maesteg factory manufactured parts for leading aerospace companies, including Boeing and Airbus – and even made parts for the American space shuttle.

Ogmore AM Janice Gregory said that the closure is a terrible blow to both the workers and to the town as a whole.

She said: "The company has put the blame on the economic downturn and the skills and commitment of the Maesteg

workforce are beyond doubt.

"Maesteg has lost hundreds of jobs in recent years with the closure of Cosi-Budelpack, Cooper Standard, and even the loss of Woolworth's.

"This news could not have come at a worse time as we see ahead the UK government's threat to public sector jobs and the danger of a renewed recession as a result."

Mrs Gregory has been in touch with Deputy First Minister, Ieuan Wyn Jones, at the Welsh Assembly Government

to see if, at this late stage, some alternative to closure can be found.

She added that if the closure went ahead, the Welsh Assembly and Bridgend County

Borough Council were

geared up to offer help to workers, as they try to find alternative employment.

She went on: "Their skills should stand them in good stead but they need the best possible back-up, including WAG's Re-act and Project schemes – and I want to make sure that they get it."

BRIDGEND County and dog show were Show celebrated as it pleased to discuss their moved to a three-day event, with an extra day on Friday, July 9, as well as its annual weekend of Saturday and Sunday.

The show offered visitors a wider range of entertainment, with main ring performances, from the 'Rockwool Dog Display team' and 'Jez Avery Motorbike Stunt Display', as well as a variety of other entertainments.

Visitors had a choice of livestock to see at the show, including a selection of alpacas, goats, ducks and poultry.

Secretaries from the goat show, poultry show

admire and purchase. For the last eight years, the county show has been held at Pencoed College. This recent venue has proved very popular, attracting visitors from across the UK and abroad.

The British Show Jumping Association held its prestigious National 1.3m Open Champion qualifier at the show, as well as a full range of classes over two days.

The show also featured a schedule of classes for horses and ponies featuring Pure Bred Arabs, Palomino, Working Hunter, among many other classes.

**SEE PHOTOGRAPHS
(BY GLYN EVANS)
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SHOW EXPANDS TO THREE-DAY EVENT

Text messages helped police in drugs arrest

Report by AJ SICLUNA

TEXT messages discovered on a mobile phone led the police to arrest a jobless man for a series of Class A drugs offences, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

Ross Kennedy (30) of Pontycymmer admitted three charges of offering to supply heroin.

Prosecutor Julian Greenwood said the offences came to light when the police execut-

ed a search warrant last December at a house in Oxford Street, Pontycymmer, which was not the home of the defendant.

The occupier had been cultivating

cannabis. His mobile phone was examined and text messages from Kennedy were discovered, indicating that Kennedy had offered to swap heroin for cannabis.

One message read: "I have some lovely gear now". Kennedy's home was searched in January and drug-related items were discovered, plus an address book linking him with the other man.

His barrister, Andrew Taylor, said: "He is an extremely frightened young man. He has to decide whether drugs are going to blight the rest of his life, or accept help. He is now keeping away from drugs."

Judge Philip Richards described heroin as "pernicious". He added: "I am sure the parents of this defendant are tearing their hair out with concern."

He warned Kennedy: "If you go on doing this, you will expose yourself to a minimum of seven years imprisonment."

He was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment, suspended for a year, made subject to a supervision order for a year, and ordered to pay costs of £200.

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Garden party celebrates local carers...



Celebration time at Nottage!

CROSSROADS Care in Bridgend County recently held a very successful garden party to mark Carers Week.

It was organised to raise awareness of the work of the charity in providing carers with regular short respite breaks.

The event was held at the home of Dr Pat Parry and her husband David in the village of Nottage.

The sun shone brightly and among those

attending was Porthcawl Mayor, Coun Mary Emmett Lewis. Visitors were able to browse the stalls, support the raffle and then enjoy a coffee and a chat in the sunshine.

The organisation also organised the second draw of the year for its 100 club, where prizes to the value of £250 were distributed.

The event raised the magnificent sum of £33, which will be used to fund more hours of care for clients.

MP urges more vigilance about bowel cancer

BRIDGEND MP Madeleine Moon supported 'Bowel Cancer Faster Diagnosis Week', a publicising scheme that could cut the number of deaths from the disease.

In particular, the MP is concerned that too many men are "just throwing away" the kit when it arrives in the post.

Speaking at an awareness event in Parliament, Mrs Moon said: "Bowel cancer is a common cancer which kills almost half the people who develop it.

"Few people talk about it, yet it is preventable and curable. Most of the people who develop bowel cancer can go on to live normal lives if the cancer is treated early enough."

Members of Parliament are leading a campaign to encourage everyone to get to know the key symptoms, to get involved in the NHS screening programme for

bowel cancer, and to act quickly on key symptoms and screening.

The NHS screening test is being sent to every person aged 60-69 in Wales and is an easy way to check your health. Mrs Moon said:

"More than half the men who received the test, however, have thrown it away.

"It only takes a minute to perform the test, and then you send the samples off and you will get a response by return of post."

"Many lives have already been saved by taking the test with the NHS Bowel Cancer Screening programme – please do the same as I did, and take the test when it arrives!"

For more information, contact Lynn's Bowel Cancer Campaign on 020 8892 2409 (www.bowelcancer.tv) or Bowel Cancer Wales on 01443 408813 (www.bowelcancer-wales.com).

Glamorgan GEM LETTERS

WHAT IF THE 'MEDICINE' MAKES US ALL SICKER?

It is reasonable for the Government to follow a policy of reducing the deficit and attempting to stimulate small businesses with carefully designed inducements, in order to respond to the wishes of the 'Money Markets', in accordance with a plan which wins their approval, as they understand economics from their own perspective.

However, if this 'medicine' and 'pain' which they, the bankers, consider to be so essential for the country's recovery, damages the national economy to the extent that the circulation of currency and the purchasing power of millions is reduced by unemployment and by VAT increases, then small businesses will not be able to respond as the Government hopes, in adopting such advice.

The first law of economics is that every business needs customers with money in their pockets. The

money men who proposed these savage cuts on the living standards of other sections of society, may well be quite sincere in their intention later to invest in the economy – but they will be quite unwilling to invest in those businesses which they had hoped to encourage, if they then observe that customers are not knocking at the door.

Tax breaks from the

'I remember a time when the law was enforced'

I FOUND a very old yellowed scrap of newspaper in the corner of my attic this week, and in the end column there were reports of people that had been to court.

One charge was as follows: "Mary Hockins was charged with dropping a toffee wrapper on to the highway and was fined two shillings and sixpence".

Another stated: "John Jenkins was charged with causing a nuisance by playing his transistor radio at a volume that was causing distress to

Government gave them hope, but only customers, circulating money, build and expand businesses.

The best hope for this economy, and for any economy, is, and always was, the involvement of every citizen, in producing goods, providing services and consuming the necessities of a civilised life style in the 21st century.

That is a more stable

and secure basis for the operation of all economic and market forces. Feudalism, the separation of society into the Haves and the Have-nots, was never a reliable model for sound economics.

It really is not smart to take the risk to go in that direction, once more.

CN Westerman, Brynna

his neighbours; he was fined three shillings and had his radio confiscated".

This got me thinking back to my younger days and I can remember when police used to make people pick up any litter that they had dropped. They also stopped motorbikes and cars if their exhaust was too noisy.

I know it seems a bit extreme, but these laws were passed to protect the general public and create a better environment.

At times, the thump-thump from the music can be heard on Newton green.

We used to love watching the firework display at the Hi Tide, but the strength of the bangs has gone way beyond normal firework displays. I have spoken to many people in the area and they have all said that the explosions literally shake the houses.

What are the authorities doing about all this? If the laws still exist, why is nothing being done about them?

If offenders were prosecuted and penalties publicised, perhaps Porthcawl would be a cleaner, more pleasant place to live and visit. TM Williams, Porthcawl

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL JULY 22)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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AM	M	PM	M	
15 Thur	09.49	9.8	22.02	10.2
16 Fri	10.27	9.6	22.54	9.8
17 Sat	11.19	9.3	23.34	9.3
18 Sun			12.06	8.8
19 Mon	00.31	8.7	13.03	8.4
20 Tues	01.25	8.3	14.09	8.0
21 Wed	02.44	7.8	15.21	7.7
22 Thur	03.59	7.8	16.39	8.0

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

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ABOVE: Scott Dale (left) in rehearsal for *Sweeney Todd*, alongside Mel Stevens and Luke Bevan.

SHOW GOES ON AS YOUTH THEATRE LEAD IS POACHED BY THE X-FACTOR!

B R I D G E N D ' S renowned youth theatre seniors are looking forward to the challenge of Stephen Sondheim's *Sweeney Todd*, the tale of the demon barber of Fleet Street, at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl on July 21-23 at 7.30pm.

However, in the best showbiz tradition, the young cast have had to cope with a shock, last-minute change of plan when their lead actor was 'poached' by TV's most-watched talent show.

Sweeney Todd's artistic director Roger Burnell told The GEM:

"I cast Scott Dale in the role, and he was doing very well in rehearsals.

"However, he had auditioned for the X-Factor earlier this year, and two weeks ago, he found out that he had been selected for 'boot camp'."

Roger continued: "The problem was that boot camp clashed with the three performances of the show.

"It must have been a tough decision for Scott. We are all hoping that he makes it through boot camp. I can only imagine how he will feel if he doesn't."

Roger does not think that the change of plan has set the production back.

Nicky Phillips, a recent Bridgend Youth Theatre 'graduate', is stepping into the role, and it will give him a chance to show off both his singing and acting skills.

For the last two years, Nicky has been a tutor with the youth theatre juniors and has directed some of their shows.

Nicky told The GEM that he was not going to imitate Johnny Depp's Cockney accent from the recent film version.

He said; "Sweeney Todd was transported to Australia from London by an evil judge, and then comes back thirsting for revenge.

"I'll be going for a



ABOVE: Mel Stephens in costume as Mrs Lovett, with the new Sweeney, Nicky Phillips, and Joe Wiltshire-Smith, who will play Toby.

voice that's a bit English and a bit Australian!"

Now, he is working hard on the evil chemistry between Todd and Mrs Lovett, who will be played by Mel Stevens.

Porthcawl's Joe Wiltshire-Smith plays Toby, the young boy who becomes Mrs Lovett's assistant – until he suspects that Mr Todd's customers are getting more than a short back and sides!

Roger Burnell said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for the company to show what it can do.

"It's brilliant that so many people have committed themselves to the production in so many ways: For example, costumes, set and advice from the Royal Opera House and Welsh National Opera, with their staff working alongside our young people and their tutors – and mentors such as Rob Brydon and Owen Teale, coming down to talk to the company and see the show.

"Let's hope that everyone's hard work pays off. I'm confident that it will!"

Former Bridgend Youth Theatre student and TV comedian Rob Brydon said: "It's my favourite musical. I can't wait to see it."

This show is performed entirely by students and is sophisticated, macabre, visceral and uncompromising.

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with howlingly funny moments of dark humour, audiences will find themselves laughing hysterically one moment and gasping in surprise the next.

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KWIK CRICKET

LITCHARD Primary took two teams to the annual girls Kwik Cricket competition at Tondu.

Both teams did themselves credit, playing with real enthusiasm and a sense of fair play.

Most notable with the bat was Mahtob Layla Anvirazadeh, hitting a huge amount of sixes, while Megan Williams was immense with the ball.

Both teams won 50 per cent of their games, but the highlight was Laura Johnstone's grand-dad bringing a box of iced lollies for the parched competitors. Well done girls for excellent behaviour and competitiveness!

SPORTS DAY

SPORTS week began on Tuesday afternoon with the first Litchard Primary sports day in beautiful sunny weather and it was lovely to see the whole school taking part, from the nursery children right up to year 6 – there was even had an obstacle race for the mums and dads!

Thanks to Mr Richards, compere for the afternoon and helpers on the refreshments stall and the finishing line.

SCIENCE AWARDS

ON Wednesday, June 23, 122 children in the junior department attended the prestigious science award ceremony at Porthcawl Pavilion.

Sixty-four year-4 pupils achieved their CREST Super Star awards; 45 year-5 pupils achieved Mega Star awards and 13 year-6 pupils achieved their Ambassador awards.

Thank you to all the teachers involved in running these clubs. Litchard Primary has the

largest amount of children in Britain attending these awards run in association with EBP.

FOOTBALL AND NETBALL

JUNE 24 saw Litchard's eighth annual sports festival 'The Paula Statham Memorial Tournament', and it was by far and away our most successful.

There were an incredible 24 netball and 32 football teams on display, including 11 from Litchard.

All year-5 and 6 children were given the opportunity to play and the majority took that opportunity.

Throughout the day, the school was superbly well supported by parents both as fans and as helpers.

Mums worked tirelessly on the sweets and refreshments stall, while some of the dads managed to make the unenviable job of barbecuing 600 burgers and hot dogs look relatively easy.

In fact, the amount of money made on these two stalls alone paid for the whole festival and also covered the costs of the rest of the sports and arts fortnight! Huge thanks to all those involved.

On the sports field, the school is also indebted to all the ex-pupils who gave up their free time to come back to the school and do the job that no teachers really enjoy – refereeing!

The competitions went swimmingly well and although some teams found it difficult, they can be proud of the fact that they competed well against the strongest teams from other schools. Well done boys and girls!

In the football tournament, Litchard's Brazil teams qualified for the quarter-finals, where

they played Archdeacon John Lewis, beating them on penalties.

They then went on to overpower Bryncoch 4-0 in the semi-final with an awesome team performance.

That set up the mouth-watering final between the much larger Dolau 'A' team. In the end, skill and guile overcame bulk and the boys ran out 1-0 winners.

The winning goal was scored by star of the future Jacob Lewis, who will play in his third tournament next year!

Captain Bleddyn Webster went on to win 'Player of the Tournament' for his goals, all round performances and the way he led his team to victory.

Mr Richards was particularly impressed with Bleddyn and the boys as Sir wasn't really there to manage the team, and so they did it all themselves!

The plate competition was battled out between Llangwydd and Cornelli with Llangwydd with 10 points!

Twenty-four squads took part in the netball tournament, and after a long and tiring but exciting day, the Cup winners were Pyle and the runners-up Brackla.

The plate was won by Pencoed and the runners up were Litchard!

Mrs Simmons was very impressed with the players' response to the team leaders from Brynteg and would like to take the opportunity of

thanking all the past pupils who helped out on the week.

SWIMMING SUCCESS

WELL done to Aimee Alexander 5M and Zoë Mountjoy 5C for competing in a two-day swimming competition in Newport over the weekend.

Aimee made it to the finals of the 100m breast stroke and Zoë went on to come 3rd in 100m front crawl, 3rd in 50m front crawl, 4th in 100m Individual, 4th in 50m butterfly and 4th in 50m backstroke.

Zoë also won the £20 'Dash for Cash' 25m sprint competition.

INFANT AND EARLY YEARS

FOOTBALL – Congratulations to Louis Edwards 2P, who won a medal for Pen y Fai FC at a tournament on June 27.

Louis played seven games and managed to score three goals! Well done Louis!

Ethan Bromley 2P, played in the same tournament and scored four goals!

Dylan Lewis 2H was awarded a trophy for being a member of Aberkenfig Football club all season.

Liam Kilburn 2H, took part in the Anthony Rogers Tournament, where he scored the winning goal for Pen y Fai FC.

Ben Jones 2P has been

a very busy boy while on holidays in Lanzarote. He won diplomas for bowling, daisy games, handcraft, French boules, dance competition and drawing.

WELL DONE DAD!

WE would like to congratulate Ailish O'Sullivan's dad for climbing Kilimanjaro in aid of the charity SCOPE this month.

Ailish brought the medal in to show everyone.

GYMNASТИC MEDALS

NADINE JOHNSTONE 1M won medals for gymnastics in a competition in Wildmill Community Centre recently. Well done!

A Welsh Assembly Government booklet entitled 'How is your child doing at Primary School?' is available from the school office for anyone that would like one.

BEST WISHES!

BEST wishes go to year-2 teacher, Mrs Hughes, who is leaving to have a baby.

Miss Foster will be taking over the class until the end of term.

Phone mast: residents lobby town council

ANGRY Newton residents lobbied Porthcawl Town Council at its last meeting over plans by 02 to build a telephone mast in the village.

Opposition has been mounting in the area to

plans by the mobile phone company to install a new mast on the side of the road by the junction of St John's Drive and New Road.

It would be located very close to the entrance of Trecco Bay and also close to a residential home for the elderly. The column would be 40 feet high and have six antennae.

Residents claim that it is close to two schools – St Johns and St Clare's –

health grounds, there are very strong views in the community on this.

He stated that Porthcawl residents had previously objected to a proposed mast elsewhere in the town and had been successful.

"If Bridgend turn down that application, they must show consistency and turn this one down as well. We know that these masts have to go somewhere but a more appropriate site should be sought.

"This one will be visually intrusive and will affect the amenity of the area," he insisted.

Coun Smart was supported by Coun Sean Aspby who said he was very concerned about the effect it could have on the schools locally.

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DAVE IS HONOURED FOR 40 YEARS ON WATCH WITH THE FIRE SERVICE

PHOTOGRAPHS by
KEITH E MORGAN

DAVE KING, the watch manager, at Porthcawl Fire and Rescue Station, recently celebrated 40 years with the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service.

A surprise party was organised at the Porthcawl station by Dave's wife Irene and the station administrator Vicki Bartle.

Dave was lured to Kenfig Hill firestation on the pretext of a meeting, while his service colleagues assembled at Porthcawl ready for Dave's return to base.

A special cake had been baked, champagne laid on and a really red hot curry (worthy of the fire service) had been prepared for all and sundry afterwards.

Dave returned to the big surprise and was congratulated on his long service by Kevin Barry, deputy chief fire officer, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service.

A gift of two engraved cut glass whisky tumblers was presented to Dave on behalf of the Porthcawl station by Vicki Bartle, while Irene King received a bouquet of flowers.

Dave was toasted with champagne and after Irene and Dave ceremoniously cut the cake, everyone was let loose on the chicken curry.

During the evening's proceedings, Kevin Barry presented a letter of congratulations from Andy Marles, the Chief Fire Officer, to Peter Bevan, crew manager of the Porthcawl Extrication Team for their recent success in winning the Avon Extrication Challenge.



ABOVE: Dave King is caught unawares by his colleagues.



ABOVE:
Irene King and Vicki Bartle.



ABOVE: 'Old boys' of Porthcawl fire station (left to right): Kevin Barry; Eddy Thomas; John Clatworthy; Phil Ivey; Bill Sandford; Peter Robinson; John Jenkins; John Davies; Trevor Edger; Dave King.



ABOVE;
The celebration cake.

LEFT:
Kevin Barry presents a bouquet of flowers to Irene King.



BRIDGEND MAN STOLE CANNABIS FROM POLICE STATION, COURT IS TOLD

A GAS FITTER who was working at Bridgend Police Station stole 25 bars of cannabis resin being stored there as part of a major investigation, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

The drugs had a street

Report by AJ SICLUNA

value of £10,000 and 24-year-old Robert Baker took the drugs because he was in a "desperate financial situation".

The police later searched his home in Bridgend and found he was growing 14 cannabis plants in the attic.

His girlfriend, Claire Owen, 28, who lived at the same address, admitted two charges of supplying cannabis to a third party and was sentenced to a one-year community order and ordered to carry out 150 hours unpaid work.

Prosecutor Tony Trigg said: "This is an extremely unusual case, involving a man stealing a considerable quantity of cannabis from Bridgend Police Station."

At the time, said Mr Trigg, Baker was working on a gas boiler in a secure compound where the police had stored over 100 bars of cannabis resin in a firearms cabinet.

Baker, who was trusted and unsupervised, saw the cannabis. He was in a desperate financial situation with debts and believed that if he stole the cannabis and sold it, it would help.

"Our beaches and local attractions are places for everyone to enjoy all year round and we hope that this continues to be the case."

Mr Trigg said that over two days, he stole 25 nine ounce bars, removing them in his toolbox and pockets.

He began contacting people to sell the drugs and this, said Mr Trigg, was his undoing.

On March 16, the police searched his home and found cannabis in the lounge and kitchen, and £2,050 in cash, plus 14 cannabis plants being grown under air conditioning in the attic.

Baker was arrested, admitted selling the stolen cannabis and said he kept two bars for himself.

He said the most he sold a bar for was £200, and the least £100.

Owen was also arrested and text messages indicated she had supplied cannabis to a third party on two occasions.

Stephen Thomas for Baker said: "He was totally co-operative with the police, he blames no one else and he does not minimise what he did."

"It was entirely impulsive and opportunistic. Not a day goes by when he does not chastise himself.

"It was naive and he was bound to be caught."

Local judge resigns after allegations over personal conduct

THE Office for Judicial Complaints has announced that a judge has resigned after questions were raised about his personal conduct.

Judge Gerald Price QC (61) had been suspended while the Lord Chancellor investigated whether he had breached the judicial disciplinary code, following allegations of a personal relationship with a 'rent boy'.

In a statement, a spokesperson for the Office for Judicial Complaints said:

"Gerald Price QC, a Circuit Judge who was appointed to the Wales Circuit in 2000, has resigned from judicial office following an investigation into allegations about his conduct originally published in the media in June 2009."

"While the media reported a number of allegations against Judge Price, the judicial investigation only focused on those that had an impact on his

role as a judge.

"The investigation found that his actions brought the judiciary into disrepute, rendering his position untenable."

The spokesman said that Judge Price had been told before Christmas that his conduct warranted removal from the bench.

"In the light of the investigation, the Lord Chancellor and Lord

Chief Justice informed the judge in December 2009 that they considered his behaviour merited removal from office.

"In accordance with the judicial discipline regulations, Judge Price was entitled to ask for their decision to be reviewed by a Review Body panel."

"He did so and the panel was chaired by Lady Justice Smith. The panel agreed with the

original decision of the Lord Chief Justice and Lord Chancellor and recommended that Judge Price should be removed from office.

"The judge has, however, resigned before the disciplinary process was formally concluded."

"His resignation took effect from 30 June 2010," the spokesman added.

Family fun on Cornelly's annual carnival day

THE third annual summer carnival at Cornelly is on Saturday (July 17) at The Green, Gibbons Way, North Cornelly.

This year it has been organised by CPEC (Cornelly public events committee), and supported by Communities First and BTCV (British Trust for Conservation Volunteers).

The fun starts at Cornelly Primary School at 11am with the crowning of the Carnival King, Queen, Prince and Princess by Coun Megan Butcher. A walking car-

boxing, tug of war, coconut shy, South Wales Fire and Rescue, South Wales Police mounted division, Tenovus and many other local charities and groups.

There is a large fairground, including a bucking bronco, mini roller coaster, helter skelter and The Wheel of Death, as well as other rides and attractions.

For further information, contact Adrian Morgan on 07747 476442, or the Communities First Office on 01656 743032.

Maesteg Children's Choir celebrates 24 years of musical excellence in perfect harmony!



THE GRAND FINALE!

BELOW: Abigail Rees singing 'The Sound of Music'.

BELOW: Rhian Hughes sang 'I Will Survive'.

BELOW: William Gregory sang Billy Joel's 'Piano Man'.



ABOVE: Stephan Ulberini singing 'Copacabana'. BELOW: Katie Bickle singing 'Memory'.

BELOW: Lauren Coates.



REVIEW by
CLIVE MITCHELL

RECENTLY, I went to Maesteg Town Hall to watch the 24th annual concert by Maesteg Children's Choir – what a triumph, I cannot wait to see the silver anniversary concert next year.

The youngsters are outstanding – they had to perform to at least 20 song and dance routines. Each year, this choir produces singers who are top class, and are good enough to reach the finals of the Bridgend young singer of the year competition.

The concert started off with music, songs and dances from Broadway and West End shows from the 1970s. Two songsters were finalists in the 2010 Bridgend young singers of the year competition – young tenor Stephan Ulberini, who next term will be going to Trinity College in Greenwich to study music; and Rhian Hughes, a soprano who is waiting for A-level results to determine which university she will attend.

The concert started with songs from the *Sound of Music* by the choir with a lovely solo by Abigail Rees of the song with the same title.

Stephan Ulberini sang 'On the street where you live', from the show *My Fair Lady*, followed by a duet of 'All I ask of you' by Rhian Hughes and Stephan Ulberini from *Phantom of the Opera*.

Then came music from West End shows including a solo by the up and coming Katie Bickle ('Memory' from *Cats*); and four solos from Les Misérables by Amy Harries – 'I dreamed a dream', Lauren Coates – 'Castle on a Cloud', Rhian Hughes – 'On my Own' and Stephan Ulberini – 'Bring him Home'.

The Judith Williams Loyalty Award was presented by choir chairperson Annette Whittingham to Katie Bickle for her dedication in attending all rehearsals and enthusiasm.

Then came the emotive part of the evening with four members of the choir leaving because they had each been with the choir for 10 years and had reached the age of 18. They were Charlotte Hanbury, Rhian Hughes, Catherine Jenkins, Rebecca Lewis.

The musical director Enid-Sian Hughes presented them with the awards. There were tears all around.

The second half of the concert included Queen's 'Bohemian Rhapsody' and solos by Lauren Coates, Stephan Ulberini, William Gregory, Rhian Hughes and Katie Bickle.

The concert was compèred by Tony Mullins, but a special word must go to the choreographer Susan Bickle, costume designers Annette Whittingham and Cerianne Evans and musical director Enid-Sian Hughes and accompanist Ryan Wood.

The GEM Quiz League weekly posers

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BRIDGEND'S COUNTY SHOW MAKES THE MOVE TO A THREE-DAY EXTRAVAGANZA

'BIGGER and better' – that was the theme for this year's Bridgend County Show which included an extra day for the first time.

The annual extravaganza ran for three days from Friday, July 9 to Sunday, July 11 and offered scope for more stands, entertainments and attractions.

As you can see from Glyn Evans' pictorial record of the day, the show had something for all ages and tastes, including a British Show Jumping Association event, fun fair rides, arts and crafts, and dozens of stalls to browse.

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ABOVE: Local inventor Merlin Maddock.



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School harpists are stars of the show

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IAN DIXON

THE Ewenny Youth Music Festival was held recently at Ewenny Priory, and one of the star acts was a harp ensemble, made up of pupils from two Vale primary schools.

Perhaps not surprisingly, the majority of the ensemble comes from the Welsh medium Ysgol Iolo Morganwg, and this school contributes 10 to the group (all girls).

Completing the line-up are two boys from Llangan Primary School - Rhys and Ioan Wardhaugh.

The Iolo Morganwg girls are: Nia Fenn, Carys Lewis, Seren Hamilton, Gwennan Thomas, Hannah Jones, Elinor Parsons, Lili Devonald, Angharad Llion, Anwen Fardy, and Nia Paddison-Rees.



ABOVE and LEFT:
The future of one of Wales'
great musical traditions
remains in good hands.

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Bridgend's county borough councillors: how much do they cost over a year? – And what do they do?

THIS year's statistics revealing how much borough councillors were paid in allowances and expenses have been published.

The table also gives figures for how many meetings councillors attended, and how many queries they handled.

However, as with many collections of statistics, the devil is often in the detail or the interpretation.

The figures were explained by a BCBC spokesman: "The attendance figures listed only cover the formal meetings of cabinet, council and their committees."

He said that councillors attend other meetings as part of their duties, representing the council with partnership organisations, town and community councils, and other bodies.

The spokesman continued: "There are a number of reasons why a member may not have attended a meeting. These include being on other council business, or attending meetings of school governors, town and community councils, representation on various outside bodies."

"There may also be personal reasons for an absence, such as illness or work commitments."

Turning to the subject of referrals, the spokesman said: "Referrals relates to the recorded number of requests received by borough councillors from individuals asking for assistance."

"These requests cover a diverse range of issues including: fly-tipping, potholes, sewage, dog fouling, provision of care services and complaints about a noisy cockerel."

"Most requests are logged and referred to the relevant department to investigate. The councillor monitors the progress of the referral until its completion."

However, there is an immediate complication, because not all councillors use the referral system for all queries.

The spokesman said that some referrals are directed verbally to the responsible officer or to the customer service centre for resolution.

This is certainly borne out by the wide variation of figures. It is noticeable that a number of long-serving councillors who have been re-elected several times, for instance, Pat Hacking (Brackla), Gerald Davies (Rest Bay) and Cleone Westwood (Cefn Glas) have low numbers for referrals.

However, equally long-serving coun-

cillors such as Peter Foley (Morfa), Mel Nott (Sarn) and David Unwin (Newcastle) all have referred high numbers.

reflect the additional work and responsibility they undertake."

This column details money paid to councillors who sit on the cabinet, or who chair a scrutiny committee.

Special allowances range from the £35,462 that Coun Mel Nott receives as leader, to the £17,730 paid to the members of the cabinet, and on down through the committee system.

Finally, members are entitled to claim expenses incurred in fulfilling their duties. The majority of the expenses are for mileage, reimbursing councillors for the costs incurred in attending meetings of the council or as representatives of the council.

Again, from this figure, it can be seen that some councillors, a total of 28, made no claim at all.

MEMBER DETAILS

Name	Initials	Party	Ward	Total Number of Formal Meetings	Attendance May 09- May 10	Referrals (May 09 - May 10)	Allowances (01 April 09 - 31 March 10)			
					Percentage Attended	Recorded Qty	Cllr Basic Allowance	Cllr Special Responsibility Allowance	Mileage Claimed	Misc Expenses
Brett	DAD	IA	Litchard	35	51.43	8	£13,356.00	£10,637.04	£40.00	
Burns	RDL	DI	Oldcastle	39	87.18	1	£13,356.00	£13,356.00	£368.40	
Butcher	M	IA	Cornelly	47	78.72	11	£13,356.00	£410.00	£336.00	
Buttle	D	L	Maesteg West	44	88.64	30	£13,356.00	£1,229.55	£307.20	
Clarke	N	LD	Nottage	55	90.91	29	£13,356.00	£17,730.96	£17,730.96	£17,730.96
David	HJ	L	Cefn Cribwr	36	100.00	110	£13,356.00	£17,730.96	£170.40	37.40
Davies	AE	L	Porthcawl East Central	37	83.78	37	£13,356.00	£10,637.04	£28.80	21.75
Davies	C	DI	Penprysg	28	96.43	18	£13,356.00	£10,637.04	£184.80	
Davies	G	LD	Rest Bay	36	77.78	0	£13,356.00			
Deere	KRT	C	Porthcawl West Central	27	70.37	1	£13,356.00			
Dodd	E	IA	Coity	71	97.18	0	£13,356.00	£6,681.38	£162.80	
Edwards	DK	L	Maesteg East	48	97.92	199*	£13,356.00	£6,271.38		
Evans	PA	IS	Coychurch Lower	33	90.91	2	£13,356.00			
Foley	EP	IA	Morfa	21	85.71	110	£13,356.00	£9,407.49	£143.20	
Green	CA	LD	Bryntiron, Laleston & Merthyr Mawr	45	91.11	10	£13,356.00	£10,637.04		
Gregory	M	L	Felindre	53	90.57	10	£13,356.00	£10,637.04		
Hacking	PA	C	Brackla	40	70.00	6	£13,356.00	£10,637.04		
Hacking	T	C	Brackla	30	63.33	0	£13,356.00	£3,956.62		
Hughes	CE	LD	Llangwydd & Brynhyfryd	36	83.33	20	£13,356.00			
Hughes	EM	L	Oldcastle	37	91.89	83	£13,356.00			
Hunt	KS	IA	Caerau	27	100.00	125	£13,356.00	£9,407.49	£24.00	
Inglesant	M	L	Pyle	40	90.00	14	£13,356.00			
James	CJ	L	Pyle	55	85.45	39	£13,356.00	£7,091.04	£62.40	
James	RM	PC	Llangynwyd	35	88.57	40	£13,356.00	£161.20		
Jenkins	RD	L	Pontycymmer	86	88.37	91	£13,356.00	£7,091.04	£498.40	
Jones	A	IA	Pyle	34	82.35	11	£13,356.00			
Jones	DMW	L	Nant-y-Moel	46	63.04	51	£13,356.00			
Lewis	M	C	Newcastle	38	94.74	2	£13,356.00	£135.20		
Michaellides	C	L	Bettws	20	50.00	26	£13,356.00	£8.00		
Morgan	LC	L	Ynysawdre	35	91.43	93	£13,356.00	£17,730.96		
Morgan	WB	LD	Bryntiron, Laleston & Merthyr Mawr	44	77.27	38	£13,356.00			
Nott	MEJ	L	Sarn	40	97.50	155	£13,356.00	£35,462.04		
Penpraze	P	L	Bryncoch	42	69.05	33	£13,356.00			
Pugh	D	L	Blaengarw	28	78.57	24	£13,356.00	£88.00		
Quennell	B	LD	Morfa	16	25.00	0	£13,356.00			
Reeves	M	L	Maesteg East	32	87.50	199*	£13,356.00	£359.20		
Sage	D	L	Brackla	41	95.12	94	£13,356.00	£19,503.96	£387.20	3.60
Shepherd	R	L	Ogmore Vale	45	71.11	38	£13,356.00	£388.40		
Smith	S	IA	Caerau	31	90.32	112	£13,356.00			
Spanswick	JC	L	Brackla	37	81.08	70	£13,356.00	£17,730.96	£276.00	42.90
Teesdale	WHC	L	Maesteg West	47	68.09	9	£13,356.00	£50.40		
Thomas	G	L	Bryncethin	33	69.70	22	£13,356.00			
Thomas	M	L	Llangeinor	85	91.76	21	£13,356.00	£3,546.96	£526.00	
Tildesley	JH	IA	Cornelly	12	100.00	34	£13,356.00			
Unwin	D	C	Newcastle	38	97.37	127	£13,356.00			
Watkins	K	DI	Hendre	35	77.14	9	£13,356.00	£1,229.55		
Watts	K	C	Newton	46	80.43	27	£13,356.00			
Westwood	C	L	Cefn Glas	42	97.62	8	£13,356.00	£142.80		
White	P	L	Caerau	64	81.25	51	£13,356.00	£526.40		
Wilkins	M	IA	Pen-y-Fai	68	85.29	57	£13,356.00			
Williams	H	L	Blackmill	54	85.19	14	£13,356.00	£7,091.04		
Williams	R	L	Hendre	46	97.83	48	£13,356.00	£390.80		
Winter	M	IS	Aberkenfig	33	93.94	32	£13,356.00	£118.40		
Young	R	L	Pendre	4	100.00	0	£1,510.50			

* The figures for Cllr Edwards and Cllr Reeves reflect a combined total

'Beware mystery shopper scam' – borough residents are warned

LOCAL residents are being warned of a bogus mystery shopper survey that could cost them hundreds of pounds.

Trading Standards officers at Bridgend County borough Council said the scam involves a newspaper advert asking for mystery shoppers to take part in a survey. Consumers are asked to send an email to the organisers, who then send a

'cheque' for a substantial amount of money.

"The consumer is asked to then transfer money with a well known company, which the organisers claim is a part of the mystery shopping scheme.

"Some people are transferring money from their accounts before realising the cheque they have been sent is actually a fake," stated service manager for Trading

Standards, Helen Picton.

"We believe that this scam is likely to be operating from outside the UK and this makes it very difficult to bring the scammers to justice."

"It's important that consumers are fully aware of the risks involved when responding to these adverts, and it reinforces our belief that if something sounds too good to be true it usually is."

"It is important to step back

and evaluate the risks of this type of transaction, especially as the only information likely to be received is in an email. Please be on your guard."

Anyone aware of such a scam should contact Consumer Direct on 08454 040506 or 08454 040505 for a Welsh language service.

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Head girl and head boy - Leah Prescott and Evan Denscombe.

Local MP meets the leaders of the future at Llangewydd school!

ON a visit to Llangewydd Junior School, Cefn Glas recently, Bridgend MP Madeleine Moon, said: "It is a delight to see such confident and outgoing young individuals taking an interest in something as important as politics. These are the leaders of the future!"

"The whole school had voted for one pupil to become 'Head for the Day', she reported.

"There were four candidates, who all published paper and video manifestos outlining what they would do during their day as

Head-teacher. They all read out their manifestos on stage during assembly, and endured a grilling from them from their peers," she reported.

Mrs Moon commended the school on its Eco-friendliness, commenting:

"This school is living up to its name as an Eco-school exceptionally well!"

Afterwards, she met a class who had just finished cooking tortilla wraps, using the school's kitchen facilities, and commented:

"This is a fantastic learning environment for these lucky children, and it is a privilege to visit.

"I look forward to seeing pupils like Leah in Parliament one day!" the MP added.

She also saw the "wonderful vegetable patch" and Mr Evan's interactive outdoor les-

Speaker to tell of... 'When I burnt a million pounds!'

COITY WI NEWS

PRESIDENT Mary Poland and vice-president Ann Mutton attended a memorable National Federation AGM at the CIA Cardiff, where they learned that nearly 19,000 new members joined the WI in the last year, and 118 new WIs opened.

Penta Penybont Link held a very successful coffee morning and bring-and-buy at Gilead Chapel, Coity, which was very well supported by friends, families and members. The walking group continues with enthusiasm and enjoyed a walk through Coity to the Derwen.

The monthly meeting

son on the "toadstools": the school's giant mushroom-shaped seats.

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saw the members taking a trip to the Waitrose supermarket, Pontprennau, where they were welcomed with a cheese and wine tasting (including champagne) and a very interesting talk on the history of Waitrose by a member of staff.

Coity WI summer tea will take place on July 17 at 3pm; tickets £3 with the very popular 'naughty but nice' table at £1; proceeds to WI and ACWW.

The next meeting will be held at Coity Church Hall on July 28 at 7.30pm, when Mr Derrick Warren will speak on 'The day I burnt a million pounds'.

New members will be very welcome.

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event in Margam Park
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Woofs and licks all
round!
Rhia Stankovic-Jones,
Pen-y-Fai

AS the Older People's Commissioner for Wales, I am undertaking a Review into whether older people (those aged 60 or over) are treated with dignity and respect whilst in hospital.

The Review will result in practical recommendations for change and highlight both good and poor practice across Wales.

The Review is now gathering evidence about older people's experiences when they are in hospital for stays of more than five days.

I hope that many older people will contact us with their experiences to inform the Review.

Evidence from older people's families and friends, advocates and organisations working with and for older people from all sectors, including statutory and voluntary organisations, trade unions and professional associations is also welcome.

We really want to hear from GEM readers. Tell us what you think by emailing ask@olderpeoplewales.com, or writing to Delyth Lewis, Secretariat to the Inquiry Panel, Older People's Commissioner for

Wales, Cambrian Buildings, Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff, CF10 5FL. The closing date for evidence is Monday August 16.

More information

about the Review can be found at www.olderpeoplewales.com
Ruth Marks
(Older People's
Commissioner for
Wales)

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST BRIDES MAJOR

Your local correspondent is
Patricia Bevan-Morgan
(01656) 880418

ST BRIDES MAJOR branch of the Mothers' Union enjoyed a coffee morning at the home of Margaret Lewis, Meadow Court.

The weather was sunny, enabling people to sit in the garden.

THE Ladies Thursday Club again welcomed Geraldine from Scotland, at their meeting on July 8.

A few hands of bingo were played, after a short talk about the recent unveiling of the memorial in Cardiff in memory of immigrants who lost their lives on the ship *Andorra Star* torpedoed off the south coast of Ireland at the beginning of World War Two.

OGMORE Retired Residents Association meet for their last summer session today, July 15, at the Watermill for their traditional strawberry tea.

The first meeting of the winter session will be on September 16.

WICK Horticultural Society are holding an open meeting on July 30 in the Sports Pavilion at 7pm, with talk entitled 'Plants for Colour'. All are welcome.

WE wish a speedy recovery to Glenys Cox, following her recent stay in hospital; also to Eileen Mathews (both of St Brides Major) and hope she will be home from hospital soon.

B R I D G E N D Samaritans will be holding an open day on Saturday, July 24, from 11am-4pm.

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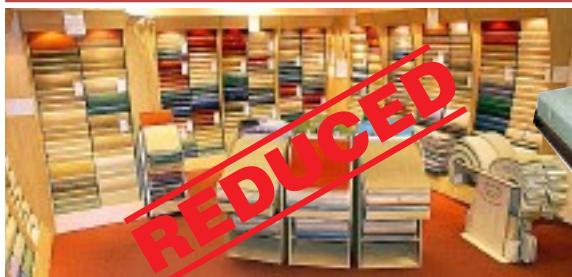


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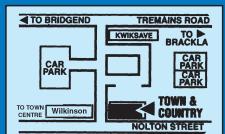


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St Bride's pupils enjoy some end-of-term treats!



THERE was a World Cup theme at St Brides during the school's 'Open Day', with each class representing a different country.

Year-2 celebrated the food of Spain by cooking a special paella. The staff particularly enjoyed the tasting session!

The other countries celebrated included South Africa, England, USA and Brazil. There were great activities throughout the day, including a chess tournament and Brazilian drumming.

The school has recently celebrated its summer fayre, organised by the 'Friends' association. It was a hot and sunny afternoon – everyone enjoyed the candy floss, ice-cream and bouncy castle.

ABOVE:
Now let's think. Which country is being celebrated here?

Bowls Club hosts pupils

LLANTWIT MAJOR Bowls Club held its 16th annual primary school bowls final on July 6 in glorious weather conditions.

The tournament involves coaching the three local primary schools over an eight-week period, and means eight dedicated coaches and helpers having to be available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to coach nearly 100 children.

During the 16 years, more than 2,500 local children have been coached. The coaching staff are also coaching adults throughout the summer. This is needed to keep up membership of more than 100 active playing members.

In this year's final, St Illtyd's took the shield and the gold medals for the first time in six years, proving too strong for the other schools.

Llanilltud Fawr were at a disadvantage in selection as there were few boys to call upon. Eagleswell put up a good show against Llanilltud Fawr beating last year's winners by 13 shots.

Results: St Illtyd 20, Eagleswell 13, St Illtyd 40, Llanilltud Fawr 13, Eagleswell 25, Llanilltud Fawr 12.

Medals for the three schools were presented by Llanilltud BC chairperson Marion Lewis and Coun Sally Bagstaff, who was very impressed by the skill of the schoolchildren and hoped a number of them will continue playing.

She thanked all the coaches for their hard work – Mick Aplin, Mike Adams, Etta Gray, Val Baez, John Ball, Norman Scouse, Richie Gray, and Bert Collings. JY

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GLAMORGAN GEM WORLD CUP ROUND-UP

Dull and drab final fails to excite... but Paul got it 100 per cent right!

OVER the last month I have sat and watched all 64 World Cup matches; I know, I really must get a life, but I love football and over the years I've lost track of the amount of matches I've been to.

There have been highs such as the Olympic Stadium, Munich 2001 – Germany 1 England 5, and there have been lows – the Stade de France 2006, Arsenal 1 Barcelona 2.

But that's football, an emotional rollercoaster with ups and downs.

The trouble is, this World Cup just didn't do it for me. There were moments – England losing to Germany, and Capello's answer was to bring on Heskey:

I admit it, I stood in my lounge shouting at the telly like some sort of demented John McEnroe.

"You cannot be serious!", I cried – he was, and England lost.

There were far too few moments when I sat back and thought, that was brilliant, or how did he do that.

I think that Jabulani

football should take a major portion of the blame, along with some pretty negative tactics employed by managers.

I got a bit tired of hearing about defensive holding midfield players.

After last week's semi

finals, which saw Holland beat Uruguay 3-2 and Spain beat Germany 1-0, I honestly thought, that a final between the tournament's best two teams would produce a quality match full of flair and invention.

I got the beer in, herindoors rustled up some food, and some friends came round for the party.

Further spice was

added because visits to the bookies meant there was money riding on the outcome in both directions.

From kick off, it became quite apparent that only one team wanted to play football.

The Dutch team, which up until this point had been so good, started what I can only describe as a brutal assault upon the opposition.

English referee Howard Webb found himself doling out yellow cards like confetti and he really should have sent De Jong off



by TONY BENNETT

when he kung fu kicked Alonso in the chest.

I actually felt sorry for the ref, not something I would easily admit to, but he tried hard to keep 22 players

blaming an Englishman for losing, but they ruined the party with their bully boy tactics.

Spain went home with the Cup, winning their last four games 1-0, and they played with two holding defensive midfield players.

The French are still arguing over whose fault it was, the Italians' defence of the World Cup was pitiful, and quite where England go from here will doubtless be debated long and hard.

Now the party had become somewhat dull, and we all sat there dreading extra time.

Someone suggested turning over. "Top Gear

has gotta be better than this."

Goalless, and as extra

time started, by now virtually all the Dutch outfit players had been booked. Eventually Mr Webb sent defender Heitinga off, and with four minutes left Spain finally unlocked the door, a good move ending with Fabregas slipping a lovely pass into an unmarked Andres Iniesta who shot home the goal which won Spain the World Cup – and meant I collected a few bob at the bookies!

The party is over now,

and the Dutch players

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it has to be said, they played most of the good football on display; did they really get six months practice with that ball before it all started?

In conclusion it was not the best World Cup I've ever seen.

Hopefully four years from now the fashion for two defensive midfield players will have died a death and the Brazil-based tournament might inspire some beach-style attacking football.

That only leaves the octopus.

Paul is now the most famous octopus in the world, his predictions all came true; Holland to beat Uruguay, Spain to beat Germany in the semi finals, Germany to win the third place play-off and Spain to beat Holland in the final.

Following the German defeat to Spain he received death threats from angry fans, how sad is that!

Staff who look after him have decided that he is now to retire from international football predictions.

I think there will be some bookmakers who will be quite pleased to hear that.

Murch bowlers too strong for Cymmer

MURCH welcomed Cymmer Bowling Club for an ML Division Two game.

failed to score on the last three ends, giving Murch a win 21-18. On the club captain's rink, skip Roger Mauchline, C Grant, I Williams and C Parsons also played a triples rink. They led from start to finish, proving too strong for Cymmer and went on to win 27-13.

Skip Mervyn Williams, A Perry, R Fudge and R Huntley led from the start and were leading 10-9 on the 13th end, but only picked up one shot on the last 10 ends, giving Park a win of 28-11.

Skip Bernard Toozer, R Grant, G Russell and M Wheadon were the best losing side, with the score all square on the 11th end at 14-all.

However, they failed to score on the next six ends, allowing their opponents to edge in front. Murch responded by taking five shots on the last five ends but again, too little too late, and they lost by four shots.

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It had a sharp script and told the story of a group of students at an American High School who perform numbers from musicals, pop, rock and hip-hop.

It became so popular that, within a few hours of being broadcast, downloads of songs from the show were high in what older music fans still call the top 40.

The spin-off has been that more and more children want to try their hand at singing and dancing.

It certainly uses up surplus energy, and it can do wonders for

some children's confidence. Is there a downside to all this? Well, some parents might worry about their child becoming star struck and not concentrating on their schoolwork, but I don't think it is that big a risk.

After all, kids who play rugby, football, tennis or golf all probably put in more hours on those activities, and are just as likely to dream making it to the top.

In fact, young actors soon realise that it is a tough old world out there.

How tough is it? Well, in my time on The GEM, I've been lucky enough to see some terrific school shows.

In that time, I have seen probably about two dozen young actors who had something special.

I saw a couple more last week – in Llantwit Major Comprehensive

School's production of *Les Misérables*.

Of that two dozen, Aneurin Barnard of Ogmore Vale made his debut in the West End this year – and won an Olivier for best actor in a musical.

You didn't need to be a genius to spot Aneurin's talent, but he still needed the right role at the right time.

The others? Well, many have found roles

in theatre companies or TV shows, but that special role has not arrived. I am keeping my fingers crossed for them.

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All ages are welcome, from 12 years old to adults.

There are limited places available and the fee for the course is £125.

The film is to be directed by Peter Ferris, who has coached Martine McCutcheon, Louise

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Peter Ferris has been teaching for 23 years and some past students include Martine McCutcheon, Claire Sweeney, Claire Goose, Sheree Murphy, Russell Brand.

Peter has just directed a documentary for the Hollywood director David Lynch



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Children's choices and School's out inspiration...



Another great GEM competition, with the Wales Millennium Centre Summer School - Win a super prize worth £225...

Summer school for budding young performers opens with a Bang!

IF you've ever wanted to dance like the professionals on Strictly, be the next Dorothy like Danielle Hope, or be an award-winning actress like Catherine Zeta-Jones, the Wales Millennium Centre is the place to be this summer – and The GEM has a superb prize worth £225 to offer one lucky young reader.

Budding Welsh performers will have a chance to learn their craft with a week-long training session at a summer school next month – and you could be one of them if you

win our latest competition!

Now in its third year, Bang! aims to give practical help to young people in Wales aged between 11-15 to develop their talent for singing, dancing, composing and performing at Wales Millennium Centre.

The young performers will be taught by some of Wales's leading arts professionals, including Welsh-based No Fit State Circus, and will have the opportunity to perform at the centre at the end of the week.

They will also see a performance by Cirkus Cirkor, Sweden's leading circus company.

There are two summer school courses on offer with places for up to 30

on each course. The English-language course runs from August 8-13 and the Welsh-language course is from August 15-20.

The courses cost £225, which includes all training, meals and accommodation at the Urdd City Sleepover in Wales Millennium Centre.

This year's Bang! is a collaboration between five of the resident companies based at Wales Millennium Centre.

Academi BBC National Orchestra Wales, Urdd Gobaith Cymru, Welsh National Opera and the Centre itself will share their expertise with the young people.

Fiona Allian, Artistic Director, Wales Millennium Centre said:

"Bang! gives children a unique opportunity to learn new skills, develop their talents and work with experts in their field."

"It's a fun way for children to spend their summer holidays at the centre, to experience how it works as an arts venue and hopefully encourage an interest and enthusiasm in the creative industries from an early age."

"I hope that children from across Wales will jump at the chance to be a part of Bang!"

Alun Owens, Director Gwyllyr y Urdd, Cardiff, said: "I'm really looking forward to this year's Bang! The chance to share in the expertise of Wales Millennium Centre's res-

ident companies is second to none and creates a real buzz around the courses."

"The young people enjoy, learn and perform under the roof of one of the world's most prominent art venues – that's something worth seeing."

To have a chance of winning a place on the course and claim this great prize, simply answer the following simple question:

- Where is the Bang summer school taking place?

Email your answer to: ggem@internet-today.co.uk by July 22. You must enter 'Summer School competition' in the email subject line, or your entry will not be valid.

Normal competition rules apply.

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Leisure centres offer a host of summer activities

GET set for an active summer by getting involved with the wide range of fun, sporting activities being put on throughout the school holidays in the Vale's leisure centres, local parks, schools and open spaces.

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Examples of the play activities to get stuck

into include den building, parachute games and junk modelling, while the events will also give children a chance to take part in multi-sport taster sessions.

It is important to bear in mind that the play schemes and play ranger events are run on an open access basis, which means that the children can come and go as they please – it is not a care

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For further information please go online at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/summer2010



Get set for an active Summer!

- Leisure Centre activities
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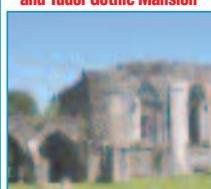
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The third Twilight film Eclipses the rest ... BUT IS STILL A POOR PIECE OF WORK!

GET the lynch mobs ready, sharpen the axes and prepare the stocks – it is that time of the year where I anger and annoy some of the most powerful people in the world; not the G8, however, no these people are far more powerful and scarier – the fans of *Twilight*.

The pop culture phenomenon makes its way onto part three, titled *Eclipse*, which sees Bella (Kirsten Stewart) again surrounded by danger as mysterious killings start to take place.

Not only that, but she is also forced to choose between her love for Edward (Robert Pattinson) and her friendship with Jacob (Tyler Lautner), aware her decision will have repercussions between the vampires and were-wolves. Throw in a rather angry vampire from Bella's past (Bruce Dallas Howard) aiming to get even, and it is more than a girl can handle...

Now regular readers of my corner of The GEM will be more than aware that I'm no fan of the *Twilight* saga; in fact, I would go as far to say I would welcome being

forced to *Sex and The City* 2 on loop rather than have to sit through the first two instalments in the *Twilight* franchise again.

So as I sat down to watch the third part, *Eclipse*, my expectations were firmly positioned in the low numbers.

And yet, the end product, while still full of the emotional dribble and overt melodrama that coloured the first two instalments, isn't as bad as either of them. It is easily the best of the saga so far, although it is fair to say (in my humble opinion) that phrase is by far the most back-handed compliment a film could be afforded.

Much of the credit for this should lie with director David Slade, who unlike his previous directorial chair incumbents has something of a previous with the dark world of vampires and evil, having helmed the dark and entertaining *30 Days of Night*, and Ellen Page-starring *Hard Candy*.

Bringing Slade to the party was the best thing the producers of the series could have done (aside from just packing up and going home that is), as the director brings a far more chiselled and refined air to proceedings.

While Weitz and Hardwicke were handed the softer material and

struggled to bring it to screen with any real verve, Slade brings a darker and more brooding film to screen, the addition of action sequences and moments of drama being well handled by the director.

The final werewolf/vampire smackdown, though bedevilled by the double problem of being watered down due to the film's certificate and cut short, is particularly impressive. Slade conjuring up perhaps the best moment of the series so far. He also has the luxury of being able to add backstory to a few of the peripheral characters and the situation between the wolves and vampires – touches that offer a bit more to the story as a whole and fill in some gaps.

What Slade doesn't handle so well is that old, familiar issue – that no matter what happens in the periphery the main story strand is Edward and Bella's romance and Jacob's love for Bella that may or may not be reciprocated; and, truth be told, three films in this story strand is getting older than some of the vampires that feature in the film.

Given a two hour running time, Slade does well, picking up the pace, but when he's lumbered with this part of the narrative there is

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

very little he can do. Instead, his camera seems to doze off as the trio argue/profess their love/snarl at each other, saddled with dialogue that clunks and splutters.

There are several scenes that just seem to go on and on, as if when editing Slade just lost the will to live (a feeling I'm all too aware of with this particular franchise); the film doesn't feel too long, and moves at a nice pace. However, these scenes do slow the pace to a crawl and are, by and large, simply treading the same ground we've been over a thousand times.

The performances, too, are a notch above previous efforts, although not all come out smelling of roses.

While Robert Pattinson may well be the flavour of many women's months, he is also a very capable actor and he at least gets to show some personality and acting ability here, rather than merely mope round and glitter every so often.

Kristen Stewart is a talented actress, but one who has spent the first two films being bland and dull as the object of affection. Like Pattinson, she does a bit more here, but with the character of Bella sketched so painfully as a damsel in distress, there is little she can do but work with the material afforded her – sadly, it isn't up to scratch.

In my review of the last *Twilight* film, I stated that 'Taylor Lautner... may have developed impressive muscles in the year since the last film but fails to have developed his acting ability', and this installment certainly doesn't alter my opinion.

Wearing nothing but cut-off shorts and flashing his six-pack, Lautner is less actor more male model, and his performance merely involves him reeling lines off as if he were reading a book - albeit with a muscle mass that puts many a man to shame.

Meanwhile Bryce Dallas Howard's Victoria is given little screen time to do any-

thing other than try to appear villainous – something that the paucity of screen time means she struggles to do anything with.

Had screenwriter Melissa Rosenberg been able to dilute Stephanie Meyer's over-emotional source material and tone down the overarching sense of mopey teenage love, then *Twilight*:

Eclipse would have been a pretty decent film;

however, David Slade's hard work is negated somewhat by the troubles that have afflicted the franchise from its roots. While its simpering tone may be manna for teenage girls, it's far too dull and monotonous for my tastes, though I feel that, this time, the *Twilight* franchise may have the last laugh!

VERDICT: A better experience than the first two films offered, *Twilight: Eclipse* is boosted by David Slade's more mature direction and better performances from a cast finding their feet.

However, the series' major irritant, simpering characters and far too much time spent on a love triangle seemingly going nowhere, means that while *Eclipse* is easily the best *Twilight* film so far, it's still a fruitless exercise in filmmaking – unless you're a fan of the franchise. *Poor.*

Rotary Club support work of Trust Farm

DINAS POWYS

Rotary Club recently held its meeting at the Huntsman Restaurant with an entertaining talk given by Lorraine Brown, director of the Amelia Trust Farm, created in 1991 through a generous donation by local benefactors Bob and Ethel Huggard.

It has a special interest in working with young people at risk from a life of crime, alcohol, drugs and solvent abuse and to rebuild what can be shattered.

tered lives by positive support through their time at the farm.

Lorraine explained that each young person has a range of opportunities. They include wood-work, pottery, conservation, music, cookery, animal care, farm work, outdoor activities, sports, work experience, personal tutoring and social issues.

The vote of thanks was given by rotarian Paul Williams and rotarians agreed that the work done by the Trust should be supported for many years to come.

Club quiz night

THE Penarth Computer Club end-of-term meeting is traditionally a social evening where chat does not necessarily include the mention of computers.

Mike J sets a musical quiz which is always won by Steve who seems to have a special aptitude for it.

This time, Mike devised an extra set of very hard questions for Steve alone, deducting a point for each wrong answer!

It must be pointed out that this grossly unfair practice was introduced for the sole purpose of

ensuring that Steve didn't win. This was Mike's third attempt to derail Steve. It didn't work, Steve won anyway.

Mike J would have preferred a new winner, but the whole process is so cheerfully done that nobody worries about it.

At each club meeting, we have a small raffle and draw for the prize. The members' tickets are accumulated for this meeting when most of the raffle profits are used for high-value voucher prizes to be redeemed against the cost of computer-related purchases. First prize was won by Mike F.

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PACT meetings

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Singers sought out for the environment

THE Sustainable Wales charity's successful 'Commune' series for local musicians to add their voices to the threat from climate change is

relaunched at the Seabank Hotel, sea front, Porthcawl, on Friday, July 16, from 7pm.

Director, Margaret Minchinick said: "This is a timely community event, drawing attention to local artistic talent. But it's also taking place to highlight the continuing emergency of climate change.

Of the event, she added: "It's great that local artists are at the forefront of awareness-raising. We hope to cre-

ate a mini-Glastonbury, with bands, performers and stalls."

Highlights will include a rendition of 'While My Guitar Gently Weeps' by the Porthcawl Ukulele Band, the Nick Ward Band, rockers dEKE, hip hop from Blud Konnektion, acoustic sets from Murphy and Raul Arrieta, and the Wizards of Mass Distraction. Artist Siobhan Grice from Freshstart will perform a dance ceremony celebrating the four elements and our connection with the earth.

Tickets for the Commune are £5 on the door, or £4 in advance from 'SUSSED' at 92 John Street, Porthcawl.

Ty Hafan winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D626.

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END OF YEAR NEWS FROM YSGOL BRO MORGANNWG

EXCHANGE TRIP MAKES PUPILS GERMAN FANS!

YEAR-9 pupils went on the annual exchange to our partner school in Grünstadt in south- ern Germany.

It was a scorching week, extremely humid days and a few dramatic electric storms at night. Everyone had the usual Grünstadt warm welcome from their partners and their families, and had a great time exploring German culture and society and brushing up their language skills.

Among the highlights were the visit to a local vineyard, the centre of Mannheim, the Reptilium at Landau and the farewell buffet with the families. During the week,

Pupils delighted to meet MP

YEAR-12 pupils were delighted that new Vale MP, Alun Cairns, was able to take time out from his hectic schedule to visit the school recently to discuss politics with them in a very special Bro Morgannwg version of Question Time.

He gave them a very personal insight into the work of an AM and MP

Year-9 visit Glanllyn

PUPILS from year-9

headed once more in June to the Urdd camp at Glanllyn, Bala for a week of outdoor pursuits and team activities with their classmates.

This annual visit is one of the most popular on the school's packed calendar and this year was again a resounding success.

Many thanks to heads of year Miss Catrin Thomas and Mr Meilir Roberts for organising such an excellent week. They even arranged scorching hot weather!

Graffiti Workshop

YEAR-9 pupils recently enjoyed a creative afternoon with Bryce Davies, a graffiti artist who works with young people.

Their mission was to create a graffiti-inspired board to be shown in the school canteen. The boys worked well as a team to create a very impressive and contemporary piece of graffiti work.

Bryce was very impressed by their efforts.

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LEFT:
The graffiti-inspired display created by the school's pupils with Bryce Davies.



ABOVE and BELOW: The pupils enjoyed the trip to Germany.



St David's, Colwinston, pupils say goodbye with Llandaff Cathedral visit

PUPILS from all over south Wales swapped their favourite memories of primary school at a special service for school leavers recently.

More than 400 year-6 pupils from across south Wales gathered at Llandaff Cathedral to celebrate the end of their time at primary school, and to prepare for their 'giant step up' to secondary school.

They were joined by the Archbishop of Wales, Dr Barry Morgan, who gave an address and presented each one with a book-mark.

The pupils come from 20 Church in Wales schools across the Diocese of Llandaff.

The Archbishop, Dr Barry Morgan said: 'Leaving primary school is one of those major stepping stones in life which children these days mark in all sorts of ways.'

"This service was an opportunity for them to pause and reflect on their whole experience of primary school and their expectations for the future. It also reminded them that although they come from different schools, they all belong

together - they are part of a large church family which will help and support them right through school, regardless of whether they are top or bottom of the class. Whatever difficulties they will face, they are not alone and that alongside them is God who loves us, cares for us and strengthens us."

Most of the children took with them personal mementos which they had chosen to remind them of key moments of

their time in primary school. These were placed on a table at the front of the church and included an eye-catching poster with photographs of the pupils from Gwenfro Church in Wales School when they were in year-1.

It was the first School Leavers service to be held at Llandaff Cathedral. Local schools taking part were:

Archdeacon John Lewis, Gwenfro, Pendoylan, Peterston, St Andrew's Major, St Brides Major, St David's, St Nicholas, and Wick.

Going through the ages on leisurely walk

Penarth and District Ramblers round-up

RECENTLY, four walkers joined Clive for a trip up to the top of Rhondda Fawr and the car park at Mynydd Hen Dre, which is just south east of the Lyn Fawr reservoir in the Cynon Valley.

When the reservoir was constructed in 1911, while digging out the existing lake, many items which confirmed that humans had lived there from Mesolithic through to the Iron Age were uncovered.

Bronze axes and sickles, a bronze horse harness, a triangular shaving

razor and an iron sword with a bone handle, all of which are on show at the National Museum in Cardiff. The Celts regularly threw objects into water to appease the gods in Druid ceremonies and these items were probably such sacrifices.

There was a settlement at Hen Dre'r Mynydd - (meaning old town on the mountain) thought to date back to the Iron Age and stone circles are still in place that indicate the area was farmed and lived upon in circular stone huts roofed with turf and branches and strengthened inside by a central wooden pillar while more stone circles held cattle.

In lovely sunny weather, the group headed along a grassy track, once the main route between the parish of Ystradgofwg and the Rhigos and passed the stone circles which are starting to be obscured by the bracken. By now they were able to see Blaenrhondda appearing at the bottom of the valley and translated it means head of the Rhondda.

The Rhondda Fawr stream, which they could see in the distance, starts around 1,800-feet first

descending gently to 1,500-feet then plunging some 500-foot lower in a series of waterfalls. The valley was carved out by a glacier during the last Ice Age and massive rocks and boulders were lifted and scattered around.

The coal industry also played a big part in this area's history. The North Dunraven pit, also known as Blaenrhondda

Colliery, opened in 1859 and closed in the 1920's and Fernhill Colliery was opened between 1869-71 and finally shut down in 1978. There are many interesting plants to be found in the area that include sheep's sorrel, heath violet, milkwort, bilberry and woolly hair moss.

From May 1944, 4,000 American troops were billeted in Rhondda Fawr in preparation for D-Day, and leaving Wales on June 1 1944, they landed on Omaha Beach as part of the Normandy invasion.

Reaching the valley bottom, the group saw the old burnt out school which has been replaced by a new one and stopped to view a flower memorial to a small boy who was killed close by after riding a skateboard into the path of a vehicle.

Crossing their first stile they joined the path through Penych Woodland Park and headed uphill to Penych, observing the waterfalls en route.

At the top is a Manchester United flag as a monument to the boy who died on his skateboard and a wonderful view of the Rhondda Valley.

The woodland below Craig Blaenrhondda led them to a bridge and a stream where they stopped for lunch and saw goats making their way uphill. Then moving on towards Garreg Lwyd to see the waterfall they followed the Nant Garreg Lwyd River, before their last climb back up to their start point.

JOY STRANGWARD.

Kenfig Hill Cadets on summer camp at RAF St Mawgan

THIS year's summer camp was held at RAF St Mawgan, near Newquay Cornwall.

One member of staff and five cadets attended from 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron together with other cadets from No 3 Welsh Wing.

Those who attended the camp were civilian instructor Gerry Lewis, together with cadets; Cadet Flt Sgt Kinsey Williams, Cadet Cpl Nico Fitzgibbon, Cadet Cpl Rachel Ward, Cadet Elizabeth Smith and Cadet Ieuan John.

Cadets took part in various activities during the week which included

a drill competition, visiting the survival unit on the base and also the armoury.

Cdt Cpl Rachel Ward was one of the lucky ones who was selected for a flight in a Sea King helicopter.

There was also time allocated for leisure activities which included water sports such as surfing and sea fishing and a visit to a water park.

The cadets enjoyed the week and made lots of new friends and contacts from within the Wing, the week ended with a barbecue on the beach.

If you are male or female and at least 13 years old, why not join 2117 (Kenfig Hill)

Squadron ATC. We are also looking for adult staff members and civilian committee members.

We parade on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7pm-9.30pm.

For more information, please contact the squadron on parade nights, telephone 01656 670125.

LINDSAY THOMAS

Extra Care in focus

FREE information days are being held to tell residents more about the new Extra Care development in Kenfig Hill.

Organised by Bridgend County Borough Council and Valleys 2 Coast, they will give communities

closer to the new scheme the opportunity to learn more about the benefits.

They take place at Pyle Life Centre today (July 15) from 2pm-5pm and at North Cornelly Community Centre on July 16 from 2pm-4.30pm.

The former residential home, Troed y Ton, officially closed in September 2009 and over the next year the site will be transformed into a Extra Care housing scheme which will provide high-quality, specialist homes for 70 older people in 40 flats in a purpose-built complex, a spokesperson said.

During the tea break, the president announced that Mrs Dilys Morgan would be celebrating a monumental birthday later in the month and after the good wishes a birthday cake was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be on September 2 – the annual harvest auction.

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LALESTON WI NEWS

Learning about Japanese culture

AT the last meeting before the summer break, members were given a taste of Japan.

The speaker was Mrs Madori Pritchard who was dressed in a kimono and she explained how they were assembled and the reasons for various styles.

Afterwards she invited the audience to try to make an origami object – everyone participated and enjoyed the experience.

The luncheon club is to meet on August 10 at the Oystercatcher.

There will be the usual WI stall at the

Church Fete on July 17. A summer tea will be held in the Gardening Club on July 24.

Laleston were represented by four members at the second GFWI Quiz held at the Hi-Tide, Porthcawl. They were not the winners, but the evening was most enjoyable.

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It ended with supper at the Hi-Tide Inn, BG

Corner shop to retail giant

LLANHARRY WI

VICTORIA and Stuart Price were the speakers for the July meeting. Victoria is the eldest daughter of the late David Leake, author of 'An Ironmonger's Tale', published in 2007, which tells the story of the retail and leisure group, Leekes.

Sadly, shortly after the book was published, David passed away.

Victoria and Stuart are now giving talks to organisations about the humble beginnings of the well-known family business.

Members heard how the business was launched as a small ironmongery in the front room of a terraced house in Tonypandy by James Leake.

In 1977, the Llantrisant superstore

was opened, followed by stores in Cross Hands and Melksham. In 1994, the Vale of Glamorgan Hotel, the sports and leisure complex and golf course were opened and are used by the general public, national sports teams and celebrities.

It was a fascinating story, enjoyed by everyone.

The competition, a DIY tip, was judged by the speakers and won by Pauline Charles.

A business meeting followed and Shena Sargeant, who was the link delegate at the AGM in Cardiff, gave a comprehensive report of the meeting when the highlight of the day was a performance by Only Men Aloud.

Members were given final details of the trip on August 4 to Llanwrtyd Wells, followed by afternoon tea at Llangoed Hall, Llyswen.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, 'Tynewydd', Llangan. (01656) 860303

Community Council

THE following matters were reported to have been discussed at the Llangan Community Council meeting on July 5.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend this meeting, so I will apologise in advance for any inaccuracies.

Halls inspected

FOLLOWING a visit to the Community Hall at Treoes by a structural engineer, it would appear that there are several issues which need to be discussed.

The structural features of the building need to be fully investigated. To date the clerk to the council has not received any information.

The structural engineer visited Llangan Community Hall, but would not commit himself until he has consulted with the building control department and will

Mystery coach tour was a sweet surprise!

SKER WI NEWS

THE monthly meeting of Sker WI was held on July 8 at St David's Church Hall, Nottage, when president Nina Charlesworth welcomed 35 members.

She thanked members who contributed items for Sker's stall at St David's Church summer fayre, enabling Sker WI to contribute towards the church.

The summer outing, on June 30, was a great success, starting out early as mystery tour, and eventually to Carmarthen, later moving on to Llanboidy and Pemberton's chocolate factory!

It ended with supper at the Hi-Tide Inn,

Porthcawl, and a quiz evening arranged by GFWI.

The speaker for the evening was Mrs Anwen Williams, who regaled members with tales of her life in film and television. Members also enjoyed her readings from *Under Milk Wood*, Edward Lear, and even a poem about chocolate!

The president reminded members about the summer fayre, to be held on Friday, July 16, at 10.30am, in Trinity Church Hall, Porthcawl, with craft, cake, bric-a-brac, books and gift stalls as well as coffee included in the 80p entrance charge.

For more information, contact Cynthia Sidey on 01656 786218.

The cyclists set off on the sponsored ride in Porthcawl to raise funds for a memorial to colleague Mike Evans.



Cycle ride in memory of lifeboat volunteer

PORTHCAWL Harbour Lifeboat crew members together with their Coastguard colleagues and their families got together last Saturday for a three-mile sponsored cycle ride around the resort.

The object of the event was to raise money towards a memorial bench in the town to Mike Evans, the longest serving of lifeboat volunteers in the town.

Among the cyclists were Myra Evans and some of their grandchildren. The youngest rider was Rudder, a standing ovation and request from Chris Aldred, the cathedral administrator, to come back soon.

The following day the choir returned for a second visit in to the famous Oldsall Stadium, home of the Bradford Bulls Rugby League Club, to sing before the game with Huddersfield Giants.

Still to come is the choir's annual concert this Saturday, July 17, in the Bethlehem Life Centre, Cefn Cribwr.

The guest soloist is Bruce Anderson an international star, singing timeless classics from opera to the West End Shows.

Tickets are available from the venue, The Post Office, Kenfig Hill, or call the choir secretary on 01443 229227.

The final concert before the recess is on Saturday, July 31 in the imposing setting of Bedford Iron Works, Cefn Cribwr.

They were joined by the activity chair, Joan

Porthcawl Harbour Boating Club.

Mike died suddenly following a short illness earlier this year, having served the RNLI for 40 years.

Shortly after losing Mike, fellow personnel at the station came up with the idea of a memorial bench as a tribute to all the hours Mike had donated to the RNLI and his love of the sea.

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cyclists took part, including Cheryl Purchase and Jackie Cole, who rode a tandem around the three-mile course.

Crew member Dan Jones, who organised the event, said: "It was a great afternoon and the weather was perfect, so many people seemed to enjoy the ride and supported the cause whole heartedly."

"It is hoped when all the sponsorship money is collected that we will be able to fulfil our aim and get a permanent memorial to Mike".

IAN STROUD

Quite a day for young Lions – Leos, that is!



AT the Porthcawl Comprehensive School there is now a pride of Lions – well, not quite Lions, but Leos!

They are the junior set of the Lions Clubs international organisation and on Friday, 15 members of the school took part in a joining ceremony organised by Larry Pearce of Porthcawl Lions Club.

They were joined by the activity chair, Joan

Cosson and other members of the Porthcawl Lions Club.

Already, the Leos are planning fundraising activities and also community tasks to assist those in need.

Recent figures released by the Lions Club of Porthcawl show that about £10,000 has already been donated by the club to various organisations and charities this year, including Help for Heroes, Porthcawl Stroke Club, British Heart

Foundation, Macmillan Cancer Support, Breast Cancer Wales, Glaze Prostate Cancer Charity and others.

"We are always on the look out for new members," said Don Tickner, the membership officer, who can be contacted on 01656 788583.

Porthcawl Lions Club meets at the Seabank Hotel on the first and second Tuesday of the month at 8pm.

NOTTAGE WI NEWS

Members enjoy the sights of Cardiff Bay

THE monthly meeting of the branch was held on July 1 when members enjoyed an afternoon trip to Cardiff Bay.

Some decided to go on a boat trip around the bay while others had a look around the National Assembly Building and looked at the different sites.

The weather was kind to us, it stayed fine and did not rain until we

were on our way back.

Before returning home, members enjoyed a meal at The Seagull in Nottage.

There will be a break during August and at the next meeting, which will be held on Thursday, September 2 at 7pm in the Unitarian Church Hall, Mr Alan Underhill will give a talk on department stores.

Anyone wishing to join us is very welcome.

Village fete

LLANDOW village fete will be held at the village hall this Saturday, July 17, starting at 1.30pm, and will be opened by TV's Lucy and Rhodri Owen.

Fun and games for all the family, a bar, barbecue, bouncy castle, DJ, children's races and the annual 'Llandow v Rest of the World' tug of war will be highlights of the afternoon.



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and by his best friend Susan.We would also like to thank Dr Peregrin and
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Margaret**Suddenly on July 6 at Princess of Wales
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Gate is the solution to keeping Pen-y-Fai troublemakers at bay

A HOT spot for troublemakers in Pen-y-Fai has been tackled in an initiative involving local police, the PACT group and the community council.

The land at the end of the lane that gives access to the rugby field at the top of Pen-y-Fai Road has become a trouble spot in recent months, with anti-social behaviour such as drug use, criminal damage and fly



tipping taking place at night and involving vehicles.

PCSO Chris Bowen, who covers Pen-y-Fai, had the problems drawn to his attention and he came up with a solution which he suggested to PACT chairman Kevin Brady and other panel members.

His simple idea was to erect a gate at the front of the lane which would prevent all vehicle access but would still give walkers and dog owners freedom to use the field.

His idea was taken up by PACT, and Newcastle

Higher Community Council offered to fund the project.

There were initially some problems because of issues related to the common land, but these problems were resolved and BCBC eventually agreed that the gate should be erected.

PCSO Bowen said: "This has been a long, drawn-out project but now that the gate has been installed, it gives me great confidence in knowing PACT does work and this area will be safer, cleaner and much easier to police.

"It also gives residents of Pen-y-Fai comfort knowing that this area is now trouble-free day and night."

A CLOSE CALL?**PHOTOGRAPH by GLYN EVANS**

ABOVE: Residents in Merthyr Mawr Road and Brynteg Avenue were out in their gardens last Monday evening as this dare-devil balloonist came in to land, skimming just over the roof of some houses. The traditional basket that hangs underneath has not fallen off. Apparently, it is no longer used by all balloonists

Was it a forced landing or was everything under control? All the GEM knows at this stage is that the balloonist was reported to have landed safely in Newbridge Fields.

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Bridgend MP hands cheque to Women's Aid



Kieran Miller and Madeleine Moon.

BRIDGEND MP Madeleine Moon has donated money received from completing ComRes surveys to Bridgend Women's Aid.

Speaking after handing over the cheque to manager Kieran Miller, the MP said: "Charities like Women's Aid are essential to society, and I cannot praise their work enough. The confidence and fresh start it gives to women who need it is amazing, and should

never be undervalued."

The charity is hoping to have a day of confidence and defence training for the residents of its refuge, where the police will be invited in and give talks and demonstrations to women who have suffered abuse.

"However, in order to do this they need to raise £300. Therefore any additional donations would be very welcome!" the MP observed.

Cheques/cash can be sent to: Bridgend Women's Aid, PO Box 26, Bridgend, CF31 3YJ.

PACT meetings

PORTHCAWL
Town Council is to liaise with the police about the dates being chosen for PACT meetings in the town.

Residents Kenneth and Joan Whyte of New Road complained that there were no councillors present at the last PACT meeting in Newton School.

They pointed out that no borough or town councillors were present for the second meeting in succession.

They stated that a number of issues raised at the meetings needed to be addressed by councillors including:

• Problems with the parking of camper vans and people pitching tents on the playing fields behind Newton School at Sandy Lane. Police responded to complaints about drinking parties going on into the early hours, but

have no power to stop the parking.

• Poor visibility because of shrubs at the junction with Mackworth Road which creates a road hazard.

• The need for a CCTV camera because of a serious mugging in Sandy Lane and incidents of drug dealing.

• Older people feeling intimidated by youngsters hanging around the area.

When the letter was discussed, councillors pointed out that they had not been informed of the two meetings in question.

The clerk was instructed to liaise with the PCSOs in order to ensure that meetings were organised at times when councillors could attend.

Coun Alana Davies said that the issues raised were already being dealt with at BCBC.

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Local Over the Rainbow star chases pot of gold – for charity

FORMER Over the Rainbow star Claire Hillier from Blaengarw, is preparing for an altogether different challenge – by running the Cardiff Half Marathon for Diabetes UK Cymru.

The 25-year-old has signed up for the 13.1-mile challenge on October 17 as her brother-in-law, Mansel Jones, has Type 1 diabetes, a condition which happens when the body stops making insulin.

She will be running with her husband Phil, Mansel, his partner Amy Nelson and her brother-in-law Gerwyn Jones and his partner Abby Hopkins.

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already signed up to run the Cardiff Half Marathon in aid of Diabetes UK Cymru.

She is now appealing for further runners to join her by signing up for the run to raise money for the charity.

Runners can still sign up to do the Cardiff Half Marathon in aid of the charity.

To sign up for the Cardiff Half Marathon, call Diabetes UK Cymru on 029 2066 8276 or email wales@diabetes.org.uk. More information on the run is also available at www.diabetes.org.uk/wales. You can sponsor Claire at www.justgiving.com/claire-hillier.

ATLANTIC CHORALE

ST DONATS Atlantic Chorale are holding their summer concert at the Bradenstone Hall, St Donats Castle, this Sunday, July 18, at 4pm.

Tickets available on the door, or through the box office – telephone 01446 799100.

'Dog walker in chief' Chris celebrates 20 years service



Chris Boyle, with one of his four-legged charges.

CHRIS EYRES was only 14 when he first became a volunteer worker at Dogs Trust Bridgend – and in 20 years since then has helped rehome almost 10,000 dogs, seen the Rehoming Centre move to a snazzy new site, and made hundreds of friends (human and canine) along the way!

Back in 1980, the centre was based at a site on Tondu Road, Bridgend. Chris later became a part-time member of staff before being appointed a full-time canine carer in 1984. He now holds the title of chief dog walker. Over the years, Chris has battled problems with his sight, to devote himself to all things dog – he even did a charity parachute jump in 2001, raising money for Dogs Trust in the process.

Beverly Price, manager of Dogs Trust Bridgend, said: "Chris is an absolute inspiration, who has worked tirelessly for Dogs Trust over

the past 20 years. He is a hugely valued member of our team and his work has been at the heart of helping to find homes for thousands of dogs in the time he has worked for the charity.

"I would like to say a huge thank you from all at Dogs Trust to Chris for his dedication and hard work."

The rehoming centre team are throwing a barbecue for Chris this week in honour of his many years of service.

Chris commented: "It's very hard to believe that it is actually 20 years since I first started at the Bridgend Centre. Dogs have always been a huge part of my life and it has been a joy to have been able to devote every day to them."

"Thank you so much to everyone I have worked with over the years who have made it such a special time. I am very much looking forward to the next 20 years!"

Anyone interested in rehoming a dog from Dogs Trust Bridgend, should contact the Rehoming Centre directly on 01656 725 219.

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GOLF DAY GIVES COWBRIDGE SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS A BOOST



ABOVE: Winners of the nearest the pins (left to right): Barry Jones (professional) Robert Gay, Wayne Thomas and Chris Powell with Rhys Williams.



ABOVE: Team winners City Travel with medals and Vale Resort sweaters.

A GOLF day at the Vale Resort on Wednesday raised more than £5,000 to pay for new equipment for the PE department at the new Cowbridge School.

Twenty-two teams of four made up of former pupils, parents, friends and businessmen enjoyed an afternoon of competitive golf on the National Course at the Vale Resort.

Owner Gerald Leek, a former pupil at Cowbridge Grammar School, and also a fine sportsman who gained senior school boy caps at cricket and rugby, must be thanked for allowing this fundraising event on his venue.

The course was in excellent condition despite the dry weather, and the ground staff must be complimented. A special thank you must go to Paul Beddoe and Louise Edwards of the Vale Resort for their help.

The course proved to be difficult to get around and scoring stableford points was not easy. There were extra prizes for nearest the pin and longest drive on four holes and if this was not enough, you could pitch yourself against the professional on the short 14th to win a bottle of wine, the cost being £5 to enter.

The professional was former pupil Barry Jones, who raised more than £350 and was only beaten by eight golfers out of the 84 all afternoon, namely, Raymond Creegan, Adrian Butler, David Emery, Byron Davies, Delon Hau, Glyn Thomas, Damien Rylett and Huw Edwards.

The nearest the pins prizes were all won by former pupils Robert Gay, Wayne Thomas and Chris Powell, while the longest drive went to Johnny Hoggett. Those who recorded twos on their cards were Malcom Evans, Johnny Hoggett, Richard Smith, Stephan Edwards, Delon Hau (two) and Chris Powell (two).

The team competition was won by City Travel (95 points), the team was brothers Stuart and Robert Gay, Damian Rylett and Huw Edwards.

In second place was Mulberry Wealth (91), Phillip Payne, Ian Walsh, Peter Brown and Martin Leahy. Third were late team entry of Owen Rutley, Danny Milton, Simon Fry and Simon Grettin, who also scored 91 but lost on count back.

A young 15-year-old from Tonyrefail Comprehensive School, who was on work experience at the resort, came in as a late replacement for one of the teams. Little did we know at the time that he is a Welsh under-15s and Glamorgan county player with a handicap of two.

He had a fantastic round to win the individual award with 41 points to lift the cup and a first prize of a '2010



ABOVE: Glyn Thomas, who beat the professional, and Steve Woods, who was third in the individual.

His name is Delon Hau who had a gross 69 – watch out for this name in the future!

In second place, 10 points behind, was Chris Powell on 32 (19 handicap) and third was Steven Woods (13 handicap) on count back with four others on 31.

During the presentation and a two course meal, the following people were thanked for helping co-ordinating the day – Hugh Williams, Rhys Williams (who presented the prizes), Neil McLean (for his day's efforts helping the professional) and Brynmor Williams (who entertained the group in his inimitable way).

Thanks also to HRT, Payton, Jewell, Caines, Watts & Morgan, Gaskell & Walker and Neil McLean for their generous sponsorship of the prizes and to Bob Martin of 'Martin Design Consultants' and Ballantines Wine Store for sponsorship of prizes to nearest the pins.

Eleven prizes were raffled and it raised £561 towards the fund. A Cardiff Blues mounted jersey was auctioned for £150.

On behalf of the headteacher, governors and the fundraising committee, we would like to thank all concerned for supporting the day and making it a most enjoyable and successful one.

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ABOVE: Delon Hau (individual winner) presented a 2010 sweater cup and balls from Louise Edwards Vale Resort.



ABOVE: 3rd team Simon Grettin, Simon Fry, Owen Rutley, Danny Milton sporting their 2010 caps.

GLAMORGAN FARMERS' GOLF SOCIETY Farmer David masters the course to win

THE annual 'away day' for members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held recently, when 35 members and guests travelled to the most welcoming of venues, Henbury Golf Club in Bristol.

The morning's 10-hole Texas scramble once again proved a good loosener for the afternoon's individual stableford competition for The PJC International Classic Trophy.

The winning team, with a nett 33.7, was Bryan Wadham, Keith Wilding, Clive and Glyn Thomas.

Runners up with a nett 34.3 were Keith Walker, Reg Davies, Tony McCarthy and Bryan Owen.

Following a virtually alcohol-free lunch, the main event of the day began with Gwyn 'Old Wallace' Thomas, given special dispensation by devoted wife Lesley to play on their wedding anniversary – and also celebrating becoming a grandfather, hitting a magnificent drive off the first tee.

Playing partners David Harris, Aubrey Thomas and Godfrey Lewis thought this could be Gwyn's day to end his barren spell.

Unfortunately for Gwyn, a lack of staying power once again proved his downfall, with a few wayward shots on the back nine proving costly.

Llancaidale farmer David Williams' late decision to take a well-deserved day's rest from his hectic harvesting schedule was fully vindicated when he collected

37 points to win the PJC International Classic Trophy.

David's success was built around his accuracy on the short holes, with his ball finishing closest to the pin on three of the five par-three holes.



ABOVE: Trophy winner David Williams in concentration.

Brian Jones and guest Glyn Thomas were the other winners in this section.

Runner up with 36 points was Bryan Owen, who could well have won this event if his ball on the short par-three 7th hole had not been lost in knee high grass.

Ray Howells (36 points but with an inferior or back nine) finished third and Neil McLean fourth with 34.

Keith Wilding hit the longest drive of the day to collect the 'James the Butcher' sponsored prize, while generous sponsor John Caines returned home with the 'Premier Turf' sponsored bottle of whiskey by correctly guessing 52 balls would fail to return to the Principality.

The guest section was won by young Daniel Jarvis, whose 38 points included a five-point return on the difficult 471-yard par five fifth hole, when his third shot disappeared down the hole to claim his first ever eagle.

Ever-improving Penlly farmer Robbie Llewellyn finished runner-up in this section with 35 points.

Society members are now looking forward to supporting Gino Cocco on his Captain's Day at Llantrisant and Pontyclun Golf Club, scheduled for Thursday, July 8.

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Llantwit junior section win 'Diana' award thanks to rugby coach Chris

ON Monday, June 28, it was a humbling experience for a delegation from Llantwit Major RFC mini and junior section, because the section had been nominated for a prestigious 'Princess Diana Award' for the community work of coach Chris Pilcher.

The awards ceremony took place in London's financial capital, Canary Wharf, and was attended by more than 100 people, including celebrities.

The section had been nominated in the certificate of excellence category for

its community work and fundraising. The chairman and vice chairman, Richard Godwin and Martin Pilcher, made the trip along with coach Chris Pilcher, and players Luke Pilcher and Steff Godwin.

With thousands of nominations, the section had made it into the final 12, and it was a proud moment when the section's name was announced as one of the winners.

On receiving the award the delegation thanked everyone in the section who had helped with all the fundraising that had taken place, and pointed out that the award belonged to them.



ABOVE: Members of Llantwit Major mini and junior section picked up a 'Diana' award in London recognising local community work in the town.

Further success in the saddle for local trainers

KOPYLOVA, a seven-year-old chestnut mare, trained at Aberthine by Tim Vaughan, landed the three-mile novices handicap hurdle at Worcester last week.

Well ridden by Richard Johnson, Kopylova, who was winning for the second time in just two runs for his new trainer, won by half-a-length from Filippo Lippi, partnered by the legendary A P McCoy.

Vaughan has certainly worked the oracle with this greatly

improved mare which had finished down the field in seven starts for its previous trainer. Owned by Optimracing.co.uk, Kopylova went off the 4-1 favourite.

Cowbridge's Bryn Palling is one of the leading trainers at his home track, Chepstow, and last Friday he kept up his good record there when scoring with 9-2 chance Bidable who, under Declan Cannon, won by half-a-length from Cotswold Village in the last race of the evening.

BRYN'S 16-1 CHEPSTOW WIN CORRIB, a seven-

year-old bay mare, owned and trained by Cowbridge's trainer Bryn Palling, was a 16-1 winner of the Robert Mondavi Handicap at Chepstow recently.

In an exciting finish, Corrib, well ridden by Neil Chalmers, won by a head from Urban Space, who is trained at Kenfig Hill by John Flint.

A further length and a quarter away in third place was James Pollard, who is trained at Bargoed by Bernard Llewellyn, making it 1-2-3 for Welsh trainers.

BRIAN LEE



Opening up the Cadoxton Ponds to disabled anglers

MORE than £28,000 has been invested into improving the facilities at Cadoxton Ponds to give anglers with disabilities greater access.

Terry Mosely, chairman of the British Disabled Angling Association (BDAA), and Mike Bishop from Glamorgan Anglers Club, officially opened the new facilities, which means ponds are now more accessible for those anglers in wheelchairs or with mobility problems.

Disabled-friendly ramps have been put in and the existing paths have been upgraded, while the fishing platforms have been remodeled to allow disabled access to the water's edge a spokesman reports.

Glamorgan Anglers Club received a £14,000 sustainable fisheries grant from Environment Agency Wales for the work, matching this with funds from the club.

They also had a £1,000 donation from the Vale Council for fishing equipment to allow more local people to benefit from coaching from the Welsh Federation of Anglers.



In a separate project, Dow Corning has junior around the ponds and first aid courses.

Fifteen pupils with varying disabilities from nearby Palmerston Primary School were the first to put the new equipment through its paces at the official opening of the Cadoxton Ponds' upgraded facilities in the confines of Dow Corning land. New wheelchair-friendly access routes and fishing platforms have been installed after a collaboration project between Dow Corning, the Environment Agency and the Glamorgan Anglers Club.



A season's best total for the Barry Internationals

BARRY INTERNATIONALS warmed up for their table topping clash with Llantwit Cavaliers with a crushing 170 run win over Creigiau.

Janver with 90 and Saleh with an unbeaten 100 did the damage with the bat as Internationals piled up a season's best of 244 for 2.

Masqood took 4 for 4 as Creigiau slipped to 74 all out in reply.

Saleh's ton set a new league record for the amount of centuries scored in a season, this being the fifth to date.

Creigiau also had the misfortune to play league leaders the Cavaliers the previous evening. But with a damp and lively track helping the bowlers, Creigiau will feel a little disappointed not to have won the game.

Mr Jones ends his article with the words: "Speaking personally, I look forward to seeing Brian during the Welsh Point-To-Point season as he is always upfront with the latest news. It's also pleasing to know, and to rub shoulders with, as it were, one of the 'greats' of Welsh Point-To-Pointing! Tally Ho!"

Brian said last week: "I am flattered and, for the record, I started reporting on point-to-points in 1966 not 1967 and I will be 74, God willing, on July 13."

After restricting Cavaliers to 105 all out, Julian Griffiths top scoring with 37, and Glyn Thomas taking 3 for 7, Creigiau must have fancied their chances of a fine win.

The Cavaliers attack is not only the most potent but also one of the meanest in the league and they performed heroics to keep the home team to 98 for 7. Andy Morgan top-scored with 23, Jon Cheal returned 3 for 9 to maintain the Cavaliers 2 point lead.

Elsewhere, West End recorded an 86 run win over Cavaliers Colts. Kit Wilson with 55 and Nathan Vann 30, helped West End to a good score of 145/6.

The Colts could not cope with Tommy Miller's bowling and in a rare appearance the West End stalwart took 5 for 5 as the Colts

Local trainer's English double

Hurdle at Stratford.

Aberthine's Tim Vaughan also had a winner at Southwell. His six-year-old *The Ferbane Man*, who was winning for the third time this season, landed the novice chase under Tom Scudamore.

BRIAN LEE

slipped to 59 all out. At Cardiff, Tynwydd enthralled match at the Island.

That defeat could prove costly for the former champions who now have much ground to make up if they are to retain their title. Significantly, they still have to face Cavaliers and the Internationals in the run-in.

On a good track the bowlers did exceptionally well. Barry were restricted to 117 for 8, Andy Buckland scoring 32 and Alex Curry taking 3 for 24.

In reply, Lisvane lost wickets regularly and eventually fell short by 4 runs in a really good match in which the fairness of the umpires from both teams should be noted.

Faraz top-scored with 25 and there were a brace of wickets apiece for Thomas, Twomey and White.

No results were reported between Pencoed and Cogan and Fontygary versus Dinas Powys.

Llantwit Cavaliers (20) lead Barry Internationals (18) by two points in current league standings.

You can now read your GEM online - barry-today.co.uk, bridgend-today.co.uk, cowbridge-today.co.uk, llantwit-major-today.co.uk and porthcawl-today.co.uk

Rhoose nippers triumph at the Island Carnival

R H O O S E Lifeguard Nipper Section, managed by Alan Wadey, won the Llantwit Major Nipper Carnival held at Barry Island on June 27.

The team, consisting of children aged between eight and 13, worked really hard and pulled together to beat the second placed team by more than 100 points.

The enthusiasm of the whole team, showed over the entire competition.

Even the new members to the club showed a tremendous amount of determination and gained valuable points for the team. Rhoose medal winners were:

Morgan Strinati - Gold in Board.

Sam Griffin - Gold in Wade, Beach Sprint; Silver in Long Run; Bronze in Beach Sprint Relay, Beach Flags.

Alice Kember - Bronze in Wade.

Becky Thomas - Silver in Long Run.

Brooke Peterson - Gold in Beach Flags.

Emily Parker - Gold in Wade, Taplin Relay.

Evie Wong - Gold in Beach Sprint, Beach Sprint Relay; Bronze in Beach



Sprint Relay.
Erin Hayes - Gold in Taplin Relay, Beach Sprint Relay; Silver in Beach Sprint, Beach Flags.
Kelsea Peterson - Gold in Long Run, Beach Flags.
Rachel Richards - Gold in Board (joint).
Tayla Edgerton - Gold in Beach Sprint Relay.
The overall results for clubs were:
1st Rhoose - 330pts;

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2nd Mumbles - 228pts;
3rd Penybont - 190pts;
4th Llantwit Major - 184pts;
5th Rest Bay - 175pts;
6th Aberavon - 98pts;
7th Southerndown - 92pts;
8th Whitmore Bay - 60pts;
9th Porthcawl - 21pts;
10th Cold Knap - 14pts.

Tables turned on GEM writer!



ABOVE: Brian Lee (left) with John Buckingham, rider of the 1967 Grand National winner, Foinavon.

GEM columnist Brian Lee has interviewed hundreds of people over the years but he was on the other end of the stick, so to speak, when he was interviewed by writer Roy Jones for a full page feature in *The Countryman's Weekly* recently.

Under the heading, 'Profile of a Point-To-Point Correspondent', and a picture which shows Brian sharing a joke with Princess Anne, Jones writes: "He commenced reporting in 1967, and although now in his early 70s, he is still going strong and has no intention of retiring. He has also written articles for *The Sporting Life* and *Horse and Hound*."

Former champion jump-jockey Peter Scudamore said of his book, *History of the*

Welsh Grand National from *Deerstalker to Supreme Glory*: "An engrossing study that not only documents the history of the great race but also charts the development of National Hunt racing."

Mr Jones goes on to say: "Brian was the first reporter to write articles on Jenny Pitman before she became famous, and likewise on Welsh point-to-point jockeys who made the grade under Rules, such as Carl

Llewellyn who won the Grand National on *Party Politics* (1992) and *Earth Summit* (1998), and Hywel Davies who won it on *Last Suspect* in 1985.

"He was also the first writer to recognise the talents of two successful jockeys riding today, Christian Williams and the new wonder-kid Rhys Flint."

Mr Jones goes on to say: "During his career, he has been warned off two

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Two new records were broken, by Tom Trotman (year-7) in the 200 metres (26.3 seconds), and George Griffiths in the long jump, increasing his own record from 5.54 metres to 5.95.

Individual performances

A Race	position	100 metres	George Griffiths	1	12.2 secs
200 metres		Tom Trotman N/R	1	26.3 secs	
300 metres		Ioseff Gaughan	3	43.3 secs	
800 metres		Kristian Jones	3	2m 39 secs	
1,500 metres		Cameron Jones	1	5m 06 secs	
75m hurdles		Brad Rosser	1	12.8 secs	
4x100m relay		Harri Dowell-Bennett, Tom Trotman, Josef Gaughan, George Griffiths	1	50.3 secs	

A Race	position	High jump	Tom Trotman	1	1.45 m
Long jump		George Griffiths	1	5.95m N/R	
High jump		Liam Martin	1	9.50 m	
Shot		Josef Gaughan	1	12.18m	
Javelin		Harri Stubbington	1	27.57 m	
discus		Harri Dowell-Bennett	1	29.78 m	

A Race	position	100 metres	Harri Dowell-Bennett	1	12.6 secs
200 metres		Oliver Evans	3	28.9 secs	
300 metres		James Smart	3	46.7 secs	
800 metres		Cai Allin	2	2m 45 secs	
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 04 04 AUDI TT Roadster, 1.8T Quattro (180bhp) 2-dr Convertible. In cherry black with black leather interior, 18" alloy wheels, BOSE sound system, traction control system, front fog, only 35,200 miles.....£11,995
 04 04 CITROEN C2 1.6 VTR Sensodrive in arctic steel silver with neutron mesh interior, paddle shift, alloy wheels, air con, colour coded bumpers, rear spoiler, cd, only 62,100 miles.....£4,295
 03 53 MG TF 1.8 135bhp 2-door Convertible. In starlight silver with black interior, alloy wheels, body coloured bumpers, CD, electric windows, only 30,645 miles.....£4,495
 02 02 AUDI TT Roadster 1.8T (225bhp) 2-dr Convertible. In silver with special edition grey leather interior, BOSE sound system, heated seats, alloy wheels, climate control, only 70,620 miles.....£9,495
 02 02 MG ZS 2.5 180. In anthracite black with monaco ash trim with red inserts, cd, alloy wheels, a/c, cd, colour coded bumpers, front fog, alarm and immobiliser, only 62,310 miles.....£6,495
 01 Y Mitsubishi Shogun 3.2 Di-D GLX LE LWB. In metallic silver with blue velour interior, cd, alloys, air con, electric windows/mirrors, alarm and immobiliser, only 88,471 miles.....£2,995
 00 W LEXUS IS200 2.0 Sport 4-Door Saloon. In Strathcarn blue with Oakham suede/leather interior, multi-CD, electric heated seats, electric sunroof, air con, only 57,280 miles.....£4,995

FAMILY

08 08 VAUXHALL Astra 1.6 Breeze 5-dr in star silver met with tabita charcoal interior, alloy wheels, climate control, trip computer, body coloured bumpers, only 10,800 miles.....£9,495
 07 57 NISSAN QashQai 2.0dCi Tenka 5-dr AWD. In pearl black metallic, with full graphite leather interior, alloy wheels, climate control, cruise control, cd with bluetooth, heated seats, rear parking sensors, panoramic sunroof, only 37,267 miles.....£15,995
 07 57 CITROEN C3 1.4 HDI Cool 5-dr hatchback in Arctic silver with Galand black interior, air con, cd, immobiliser, £35 a year road tax, one owner, only 37,845 miles.....£6,995
 07 07 RENAULT Clio 1.4 16v 98 Dynamique 5-dr Hatchback. In mercury silver with carbon sport interior, air con, CD, front fog, alarm, only 15,060 miles.....£7,295
 06 06 FORD Focus Zetec Climate 1.8 TDCi Diesel 5-Dr Hatchback. In black with dark interior, alloy wheels, air con, CD, colour coded bumpers, only 61,199 miles, quick clean screen.....£6,995
 05 55 RENAULT Megane 1.6 16v Dynamique in met platinum silver with ruche cloth interior, auto lights, auto wipers, air con, cd, colour coded bumpers, only 16,380 miles.....£5,795
 05 05 HONDA Civic 1.7 CDTi in magnetic blue with hatch fabric interior, alloy wheels, air con, cd, colour coded bumpers, only 55,130 miles.....£6,495
 05 05 CITROEN C3 1.4 Desire 5-dr hatchback. In oriental blue with blue/black Tomy interior, air con, colour coded bumpers, immobiliser only 39,840 miles.....£4,295
 05 05 MERCEDES-Benz C-Class 1.6vvt 115 Rush 5-dr hatchback. In met blue with grey interior, air con, cd, colour coded bumpers, 7 seats only 41,240 miles.....£5,495
 04 54 BMW 3 Series 2.2 320i Sport Touring 5-Dr Estate. In silver grey with black suede interior, automatic air con, sat nav, rear parking sensors, CD, only 33,170 miles.....£9,995
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 03 03 HONDA Civic Type S 5-dr in clover green met with half leather sports seats, climate control, alloy wheels, rear spoiler, full Honda service history, only 36,030 miles.....£5,695
 02 01 TOYOTA Corolla 1.6 VVT-i GLS Automatic 5-dr. In Atlantis blue metallic with honey interior, alloy wheels, air con, sunroof, cd auto-changer, body coloured bumpers, only 34,790 miles.....£3,495
 01 01 MERCEDES-Benz C-Class 1.4 A140 Avantguard 5-dr hatchback. In red with slate grey half leather/cloth interior, cd, ipod connection, air con, alloy wheels, service history, only 47,790 miles.....£3,995
 01 Y AUDI A4 2.0 SE Saloon. In metallic silver with full beige leather interior, climate control, CD, alloy wheels, electric sunroof, full Audi service history, only 33,005 miles.....£4,995

SMALL

09 09 VAUXHALL 1.4 16v Design (a/c) 5-dr Automatic Hatchback. In black with black interior, cd, alloy wheels, electric mirrors and windows, auto dipping rear view mirror, only 8,020 miles.....£10,995
 09 09 VAUXHALL Corsa Club A/C 1.2 16v 5-Dr. In black sapphire, with cable charcoal interior, air con, colour coded bumpers, CD, alarm and immobiliser, auxiliary output, only 18,218 miles.....£8,495
 09 09 CHEVROLET Aveo LT 1.4 in pearl black with briquet cloth, aircon, alloy wheels, colour coded bumpers, alarm and immobiliser, cd, only 16,900 miles.....£6,995
 08 58 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.2 16v Design (A/C), 5 door in ice blue with dark interior, air con, MP3 input, colour coded bumpers, front fog lights, only 19,950 miles.....£8,495
 08 08 FORD KA Studio. In panther black with cascade interior, immobiliser, CD, drivers airbag, central locking, only 32,349 miles.....£4,995
 08 08 FORD Fiesta 1.25 Style climate 3-dr hatchback. In panther black with ebony interior, quick clear front screen, air con, cd, colour coded bumpers, only 23,275 miles.....£6,495
 07 07 RENAULT Clio Dynamique 1.4 5-dr Hatchback. In silver with black interior, alloy wheels, colour coded bumpers, fog lights, only 37,550 miles.....£6,995
 07 07 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.2i 16v Life (a/c) 3-dr hatchback easy tronic. In metro blue with punch cloth charcoal interior, electric mirrors, air con, immobiliser, service history, only 17,900 miles.....£6,495
 06 06 RENAULT Clio 1.2 16v Excellence 3-dr Hatchback. In platinum silver with grey interior, alloy wheels, steering wheel mounted audio controls, colour coded bumpers, CD, only 19,860 miles.....£5,995
 06 06 FORD Fiesta 1.25 Style Climate 3-dr. In tonic blue with Kyoto ebony interior, air con, quickclear front screen, cd, trip computer, colour coded bumpers, only 41,820 miles.....£5,295
 06 06 FORD Ka 1.3 Collection. In panther black with Tic-Toc interior, cd, body coloured bumpers, immobiliser, only 30,866 miles.....£4,195
 05 05 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.2 16v Active 3-Dr Hatchback. In ultra blue with points charcoal interior, air con, colour coded bumpers, CD and alloy wheels, only 62,825 miles.....£3,395
 05 05 MINI Cooper 1.6 Pepper. In pure silver met with Kaledio half leather interior, panoramic sunroof, alloy wheels, cd, body coloured bumpers, only 49,540 miles.....£6,995
 03 03 MINI Cooper Chili 1.6 3-Dr Hatchback. In pure silver with anthracite/black panther cloth/leather interior, interior light package, chrome line exterior, air con, CD, only 36,975 miles.....£6,995
 03 03 RENAULT Clio 1.2 16v Expression 5-Dr Hatchback. In capsicum red with grey interior, CD, sunroof, power steering, service history, only 58,105 miles.....£3,295
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07 1.6i 16V VTR 5dr Estate Red 31172 miles £6,495

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58 FORD Fiesta 1.25 Style 5dr Hatch Blue 4000 miles £6,295

06 CHEVROLET Matiz 1.0 SE+ 5dr Hatch Blue 18700 miles £3,995



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07 Citroen C4 1.6i 16V SX 5dr Auto Hatch Silver, 46,397 miles £5,995



07 Citroen C4 1.6i 16V SX 5dr Auto Hatch Black, 32,489 miles £6,995

WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE IN THE VALE?

Sodexo Limited – **East Camp, MoD St Athan** – temporary five-year planning permission for the construction of a new pedestrian and vehicular access from Eglwys Brewis Road to serve the existing medical and dental centre on East Camp, together with the association relocation of the security fence.

Mr John Galliford – **24 Kingsland Crescent, Barry** – conversion of dwelling to two one-bedroom flats.

Mr Stenstrom – **The Cottage (formerly Railway View), Ogmore Down Common, St Brides Major, Bridgend** – conversion of dwelling to south elevation.

Mr MT Whittle – **The Darren, 7 Craig Y Eos, Ogmore by Sea** – attached garage, to replace detached garage.

Ms Kim Cuddihy – **30 Cae'r Odyn, Dinas Powys** – proposed ground and first floor extension.

Mr Anthony Evans – **Llandow Circuit, Llandow** – construction of single storey pitched roof toilet block and removal of existing temporary toilet block.

Ms Heather Gunter – **12 Brookfield Avenue, Barry** – two storey side extension to form a lounge, utility room and two bedrooms.

Mr Max Brown – **24a Wick Road, Ewenny** – proposed dwellings and extensions adjoining 24a Wick Road, Ewenny.

Dr Jonathan Evans – **13 Marine Parade, Penarth** – install rooflights in existing

single storey kitchen at rear of property.

Stephen Mayled – **Cottage Farm, Michaelston-Le-Pit** – demolish existing office/stables.

Miss Kelly Martin – **17 River Walk, Penarth** – installation of Velux window to rear of house.

Mr Stephen Mayled – **Cottage Farm, Michaelston-Le-Pit** – demolish existing office/stables. Construct one detached dwelling.

Sankai Restaurant – **46 Plassey Street, Penarth** – home delivery service for a temporary period of six months, and hot food take-away sales between 6pm-10.30pm everyday, except Sundays and Mondays.

Mr R Drake – **White Oaks, Half Moon, Port Road, Wenloe** – first floor extension to enlarge existing bedroom.

Mr Anthony Williams – **Avondale, 80 Dobbins Road, Barry** – demolition of single storey flat roof toilet and construct a single storey extension to accommodate two bedrooms.

Ty Hafan Children's Hospice – **Ty Hafan Children's Hospice, Hayes Road, Sully** – single storey extension to existing spa room.

Tesco Stores Limited – **Tesco Stores Limited, Culverhouse Cross, Cardiff** – installation of one 2.8m bi-parting telescopic door and one 2.2m telescopic door to the main store entrance and two new 2.7m bi-parting telescopic doors to either side of

the lobby where structural openings are currently present. The existing EAS security is to be relocated to suit, and the existing internal furniture also. The existing 'goalpost' feature is to be removed.

Mr and Mrs Thomas – **Maes Melyn, Westgate, Cowbridge** – demolition of existing house and construction of new house as approved under Planning Permission 2008/00999/FUL.

Mr Geoffrey Powell – **1 Court Close, Aberthyn** – erection of bedroom and ensuite above existing garage.

Mrs Helen Ann Trigg – **80 Victoria Road, Penarth** – dormer windows to front and rear elevations.

Mrs Maggie Knight – **Penarth Pavilion, The Esplanade, Penarth** – fixing of fascia signs onto the front of the pavilion building and one to the rear to request support of the renovation of the pier building.

Mr JA Johnson – **1 Heol Pentre Felin, Llantrwty** – extension above existing garage including loft conversion.

Mrs Louise Smith – **1 Rookery Wood, Sully** – fell stem pine and reduce limbs on second pine, along left side towards rear.

Mr Stuart Field – **Lower House Farm, Rhoose, Road, Rhoose** – retention of existing timber garage.

Mrs Sarah Perez – **27 Seaview Drive, Ogmore by Sea** – two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and overall refurbishment on ground and first floor.

Mr Paul Fisher – **The Reading Room, Bonvilston** – four ash to side on neighbouring land: crown raise to 4.5 metres, shorten limbs by 2-3 metres.

Miss Justine O'Dare – **13 Heol Ger y Felin, Llantrwty** – new dwelling and garage.

Major – construct single storey extension to side of dwelling.

Professor Alan Smith – **Crossways, Twynyc, Dinas Powys** – proposed extension to front elevation.

Beechwood Court Ltd – **Beechwood College, Hayes Road, Sully** – variation of condition 3 of approval reference 07/00841/FUL in relation to alternative amended plans for the scheme.

Cardiff Treescapes – **The Turner Gallery, Plymouth Road, Penarth** – one sycamore at rear of gallery. Crown by overall reduction of 3m. Reduce weight, re-reduce crown every three years.

Mr Mark Gale – **41 Gwenfro Drive, Wenvoe** – alterations to application 2009/00904/FUL – extend width of two storey side extension only.

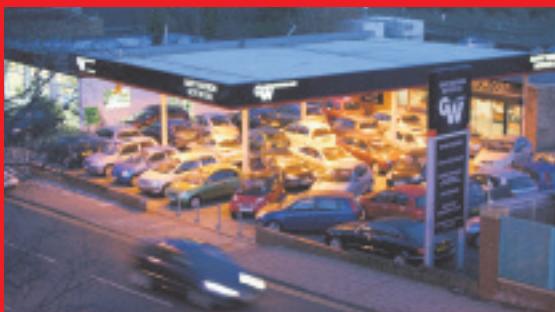
Mr Rhodri Smith – **11 Court Close, Aberthyn** – demolition of existing garage/utility. Proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension, with internal alterations.

Mr Richard Clarkson – **32 Greenfield Avenue, Dinas Powys** – dormer extension to the rear roof elevation.

Mr M Escort – **32 Cowslip Drive, Penarth** – new single storey garage to rear of property.

Judith Martin and Victoria Griffiths – **plot adjacent to the Old Bakehouse, Greenfield Way, Llanblethian, Cowbridge** – new dwelling and garage.

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05 SUZUKI Grand Vitara 2.0 5-dr. In met-gold, 55,000 miles with a/c, cd, side steps, etc £5,995



03 MG TF 160. In silver, 35,000 miles, 2 owners from new, with hard top at £4,495



04 VW Beetle 1.9 TDi. In light met blue, 80,000 miles with air con £5,995

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03	PORSCHE Cayenne 4.5 Auto Tip S in silver with black leather, 29,000 miles with sat nav, e/s/r, upgraded alloys, fully colour coded	£18,995
54	BMW 330 Ci Sport Convertible. In steel grey, 62,000 miles with sat-nav, tv, etc	£12,995
05	MERCEDES CLK 220 CDi Automatic. In telluric silver with full leather trim, 60,000 miles	£12,995
03	BMW X5 3.0i Sport Auto. In silver with black leather trim, 62,000 miles, 2 owners from new	£11,495
07	VAUXHALL Tigra 1.4 Exclusive in silver, 22,000 miles, full electric metal roof convertible	£8,995
04	CHRYSLER Crossfire 3.2 Coupe. In ice blue metallic with charcoal leather trim, 44,000 miles	£8,495
05	MINI COOPER In chilli red with chequered flag details, 48,000 miles with Cooper alloys etc	£7,995
54	TOYOTA RAV4 XT2 VVTi 3-dr. In silver, 32,000 miles, great value 4x4 at	£7,995
54	ROVER 75 Contemporary SE CDTi Silver, 46,000 miles, heated leather seats, air con, CD, comfort with diesel economy	£6,495
53	JAGUAR X-Type 2.5SE Auto in ice blue met with grey leather trim, 46,000 miles	£6,995
04	VW Passat 1.9TDi SE Automatic. In silver with black leather trim, on offer at	£5,995
04	JAGUAR S-Type 2.5 Sport Automatic. In silver with black leather, looks and drives superb	£5,995
03	MAZDA MX5 1.8. In met blue, great looking car with alloys, cd, etc	£5,995
02	LEXUS GS300 SE Navigator. In claret metallic with light grey leather trim, 75,000 miles, looks and drives superb	REDUCED BY £1000 TO £5,995
02	BMW 316 SE. In silver, 78,000 miles with a/c, alloys etc	£4,695
51	TOYOTA Celica 1.8VVTi. In blue, 75,000 miles with glass roof, rear spoiler, etc	REDUCED BY £500 TO £4,495
51	JAGUAR X-Type 2.5V6 SE. In satin gold with cream leather trim, 66,000 miles, 2 owner car at	£4,295
04	ALFA ROMEO 156 1.8 Twin Spark Lusso. In Monza green metallic, 86,000 miles, on offer at	£2,995

SMALL, ECONOMICAL AND FAMILY CARS

09	SKODA Fabia TDI2 1.4 5-dr. 6,400 miles, alloys, air con, makers warranty, £30 road tax, silver	£8,995
07	SKODA Octavia 1.9TDci. In silver, 37,000 mile diesel at	£7,995
06	VW Golf 1.6 FSi SE 5-Dr. In silver, 51,000 miles with air con, alloys etc	£7,495
06	RENAULT Grand Scenic 1.6 Dynamique. In silver, 46,000 miles, 2 owners, 7 seater	£6,995
04	VW Golf 1.6 FSi SE 5-dr. In met-blue, 41,000 miles, 1 owner, 6-speed, alloys etc	£6,995
04	MINI One in chilli red, 50,000 miles. Local car with a/c, alloys, etc	£6,495
56	TOYOTA Yaris 1.3 LX 3-dr. In silver, 21,000 miles, very sought-after model at	£6,295
07	CITROEN C2 1.6 Code. In met grey with full leather tan trim, 30,000 miles	£5,995
56	FORD Focus 1.6LX Estate. Black, 20,146 miles, 1 owner, outstanding value	£5,995
06	FORD Focus 1.8 TDCi Zetec 5-dr. In met-blue, 49,000 miles, diesel hatch at	£5,995
05	FORD Focus 1.6 Ghia 5-dr. In silver, 37,000 miles, usual Ghia refinement	£5,995
54	FORD Focus C Max 1.6 TDI. Magnum grey, 36,000 miles, outstanding value & economy	£5,995
06	PEUGEOT 407 2.0 HDi Zenith. In met grey with full leather trim, climate control, H/S, alloys etc	£5,695
04	TOYOTA Corolla 2.0 D4D T3 5-dr. In silver, 54,000 mile diesel with sat-nav	REDUCED BY £500 TO £5,495
07	RENAULT Clio 12 Expression 3-dr. In steel blue, 33,000 miles with a/c, c/d, etc	REDUCED BY £1,000 TO £5,495
56	PEUGEOT 206 1.4 5-dr. In satin silver, 40,000 miles, 1 owner example at	£4,995
55	NISSAN Primara 2.0 SX 5-dr. In silver, 35,000 miles with sat-nav, alloys, reversing camera	REDUCED BY £500 TO £4,995
06	PEUGEOT 206 1.4 Verve 5-dr in electric blue, great looking car at	£4,995
05	FORD Street Ka. Silver, 1 owner, low mileage, very attractive convertible	REDUCED BY £300 TO £4,995
04	HONDA Civic 1.7 CTDi SE 5-dr. In black, 59,000 miles, diesel hatch at	£4,995
55	MITSUBISHI Colt 1.5Di - D Equipe 3-dr. In met-grey 41,000 miles, diesel hatch with low running costs	REDUCED BY £500 TO £4,695
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05	FORD Mondeo Zetec TDCi. Tonic blue, 2 owners, very economical family car	£4,495
05	DIAHATSU Sirion 1.3 SE 5-dr. In silver, 16,000 miles, 1 private owner, fantastic condition	£4,495
55	PEUGEOT 206 1.4 Sport 3-dr. In silver, 41,000 miles, air con, alloys etc	£4,495
54	FORD Focus 1.8 Edge 3-dr. In met-black, 41,000 miles, a/c, alloys etc	£4,295
55	VAUXHALL Agila 1.2 Twinport Envoy. 37,000 miles, much sought after model	£3,995
55	FORD Ka 1.3 Collection. In light metallic blue, 25,000 miles with a/c, cd, etc	£3,995
06	MITSUBISHI Colt 1.2 C2i 3-dr. In light met-blue, 1 owner, CD, e/w, c/l etc	£3,995
06	CHEVROLET Kalos 1.4 Sport 3-dr. In black, with black leather trim, 37,000 miles	REDUCED BY £700 TO £3,995
04	PEUGEOT 206 1.1S 3-dr. In silver, 32,000 miles, 1 owner with a/c	£3,995
55	CHEVROLET Kalos 1.4 SXi 3-dr. In black, 39,000 miles, fantastic value at	£3,695
05	CHEVROLET Tacuma 1.6 SX. Silver, 44,500 miles, excellent value family car	£3,695
06	FORD Ka Collection. In met-black, 56,000 miles, 1 private owner	£3,495
04	RENAULT Laguna Dynamique 1.8 Estate. Full panoramic roof, silver, tremendous value	£3,495
52	SMART Pulse softtop semi automatic. In two tone black and met grey, 37,000 miles	£3,295
04	PEUGEOT 406 2.0 HDi S. In silver, 54,000 miles with sat nav	£3,295
04	MITSUBISHI Space Star 1.6 Automatic. In met-blue, 27,000 miles with sunroof, a/s, etc	£2,995
53	FORD Ka Collection. In sea - frost silver, 47,000 miles, very attractive low mileage car	REDUCED BY £300 TO £2,995
05	DAEWOO Lacetti 1.6 SXi 5-Dr. In silver, 31,000 miles with air con, alloys, CD etc	£2,995
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BOARDWALK WILL OPEN UP REST BAY TO NEW VISITORS



ABOVE:

The new boardwalk runs the length of the first hole at the Royal...

A BOARDWALK linking Rest Bay to Fynnon-Wen Rocks was officially opened at Porthcawl this week by Jane Davidson, the Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing.

Previously, the footpath from Rest Bay that runs past the Royal Porthcawl clubhouse had been 'smoothed out' and the new boardwalk means that walkers no longer have to make their way across pebbles for about 300 yards.

Made out of environmentally sustainable robust recycled plastic, the 320m-long boardwalk has been designed to "complement the rugged coastal terrain" and is the first of a number of major projects that will improve access to the coast of Bridgend county borough.

A Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) spokesman said: "This is the largest

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ABOVE:

The old stile has been replaced.

construction project ever commissioned by the council's Rights of Way team.

"The boardwalk will also incorporate new signage, a viewing platform and gates that can be operated by wheelchair users and people with limited mobility.

"The project is the result of consultation with local people who helped to identify areas where access to the

coast is limited. It also forms part of the Welsh Assembly Government's Coastal Access Improvement Programme, which aims to create a footpath around the entire coastline of Wales by 2012."

Jane Davidson said: "I am delighted to be opening another section of the Wales Coast Path."

"This section of the path is special, not only because of the beautiful scenery it looks out on, but also because it offers such excellent access for wheel users and people with pushchairs."

Deputy Leader Coun David Sage added: "Rest Bay is a beautiful, popular area that holds a Blue Flag, and the boardwalk will allow more visitors to enjoy this stretch of the coastline."

"We are now looking at other areas where coastal access can be improved and are in discussions with local landowners about how the Wales Coast Path can be extended throughout the whole of the county borough."

The project is the result of a partnership between BCBC, the Welsh Assembly Government, the Countryside Council for Wales, the Welsh European Funding Office and contractors Raymond Brown Construction Ltd.

compete and row 500m in the fastest time for a chance to win a month's free Bridge Card membership.

Staff also held demonstrations throughout the weekend ranging from the lively Zumba and line dancing to fit ball and kettle bells. Members of the public were keen to join in with staff and even swimming mascot, Dewi the Dolphin gave an energetic performance.

Staff's expertise, and a range of literature, was available across both days to provide advice and information on all aspects of the leisure centres and keeping active.

Children take on the healthy living challenge

LAST weekend saw the Bridgend Show take over the fields of Pencoed College where staff members from Bridgend County Borough Council's healthy living services showcased activities to keep all ages and abilities active this summer.

The children's challenges proved popular, with many youngsters trying their hand at bean bag throwing, colouring competitions and hoopla games. It was the adult's rowing challenge, however, that became the main attraction with many people eager to

Run raises £3,000 for BAVO group

MORE than £3,000 was raised recently for various charities and local organisations by 180 participants who took part in the sponsored walk/trail run organised by BAVO (Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations) at Bryngarw Country Park.

There were three distances each with a different coloured theme: Red 1 mile; Orange 2 miles and Green 3 miles. The day was a huge success and participants found it a challenging yet enjoyable day!

BAVO would like to

say well done to everybody who took part and raised money for a good cause; the day wouldn't have been such a success without you!

We would also like to send a huge thank you to all of the volunteers from BAVO; Venture Out; Bridgend Lions; Communities First and BCBC who enabled the day to run smoothly.

Finally, thank you to the supporting partners who helped with the planning of the event including Sport Wales; Want 2 Work; Venture Out; Communities First; Age Concern; Seetec; Bridgend County Borough Council and Bridgend Public Health Team.

Small Workplace Health Award

AN awards ceremony organised by the Welsh Assembly Government was held recently at Coed-Y-Mwstwr Hotel, to celebrate the success of 11 local voluntary organisations in the borough.

Each organisation was awarded the Bronze Small Workplace Health Award, which is a National mark of quality for health and wellbeing aimed at organisations employing less than 50 people.

It has been developed to target the key preventable ill-health issues and the Health Challenge Wales priorities. Areas that the bronze award focuses on include health and safety, musculoskeletal disorders and healthy lifestyles.

Speaking at the awards ceremony the Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Dr Jane Wilkinson said: "By publicly acknowledging the committed efforts of individuals and organisations across Wales that place health at the heart of their work, we hope to inspire others to investigate the benefits for staff, businesses and communities in having a happy, healthy workforce."

The project was managed locally by Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations, the umbrella organisation for local community and voluntary groups, BAVO Director Heidi Bennett said: "I am delighted with the number and range of voluntary groups that participated in the project. They have clearly demonstrated their commitment to developing healthy working environments for their staff and volunteers and their awards are well deserved".

The successful organisations undertook separate activities to support their healthy workplace initiative, including

pedometer challenges, taster sessions, lunchtime walks and nutrition awareness as well as incorporating health policies and action plans into their structures.

Awards were presented to BAVO, Aberkenfig Boys and Girls Club, Bethlehem Church Life Centre, The Bridge Mentoring Plus Scheme, Bridgend Carers Centre, Bridgend Care and Repair, Crossroads Care, KPC Youth, Mental Health Matters, Ogwr Dash and Yellow Wales.

If you would like some further information on how to get involved with the small workplace health award contact BAVO on 01656 810400. KD

Guards to have freedom of Bridgend

THE freedom of the borough of Bridgend is to be conferred upon the Welsh Guards.

The full council agreed at a meeting on Wednesday to bestow the freedom on the regiment which was welcomed to the borough in a special homecoming march through the town.

This provoked huge interest from residents and there was a greater turn-out than was seen in other towns visited by the regiment.

Monitoring officer Andrew Jolley told councillors that as a result of the success of that event, the council was approached by the Welsh Guards seeking to build an even closer relationship between the borough and the regiment.

Over the past eight years, the Welsh Guards have seen service in

PORTHCAWL STROKE CLUB NEWS



ABOVE: The presentation of the certificates.

BUSY YEAR FOR THE STROKE CLUB

IT has been a busy year at Porthcawl Stroke Club.

In February, Dr Russell Thompson gave a presentation about his remarkable life, during scientific studies in the Antarctic. It was interesting to observe how you can survive in the most extreme circumstances.

In March, Pat and Cedrick sang some wonderful songs – an uplifting morning as we all sang along!

Also in March, David Anderson gave a presentation about the Channel Islands landmarks and habitat.

In May, Des Rees and Clive Mort from 'Shout' wanted to know how people are treated when they first had a stroke, so that they could take this information to the Welsh Assembly and advocate a voice on our behalf.

A very good discussion took place and it was relevant that there was a need to support stroke survivors after leaving the medical professions, needing more support to understand the

major chances which would affect stroke survivors lives.

Also, Bruce Charles gave a presentation on 'Legends and Shipwrecks' off the south Wales Coast.

Also in June, it was the 80th birthday celebration for Jack Mitchell. Jack enjoyed his day with family and friends.

Condolences go to Mrs Mary Jones, who lost her beloved Trevor. Our thoughts also go to Joyce Watts and Betty Phillips who have been ill for some time.

To anyone wishing to join, we meet every other Wednesday at the Rest Holiday Home Porthcawl at 10am for exceptional work carried out on behalf of the Porthcawl Stroke Club.

The club would also like to thank the rest of the volunteers for all their hard work who support the club continuously.

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Croissants take an early lead



Laleston Lions.

CROISSANTS are holding off all comers in the Bridgend Six-a-side league on goal difference after beating Athletico Brackla 3-1 – although the victory would have been even more emphatic if it wasn't for the stunning form of keeper Ian Brunt.

The resolution has to be passed by no less than two thirds of those members present at a specially convened meeting.

The council will commission an address in a casket which will be presented to the regiment during the freedom ceremony which will be staged as soon as the regiment and the council can agree a suitable date.

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